

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6708

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to agency nursing usage.

You asked:

- 1. Breakdown of shifts (Numbers only) filled by individual Nursing Agencies (by name of agency) in Trust operated theatre wards for 'Surgical First Assistants', Operating Department Practitioners' and 'SCRUB Nurses' for March 1st 2021- April 30th 2021*
- 2. Individual Charge rates for nursing agencies for theatre staff March 1st 2021- April 30th 2021*
- 3. Number of shifts filled by individual 'Off Framework Agencies' March 1st 2021-April 30th 2021*
- 4. Total Cost for each Nursing Agency used by theatre departments financial year April 2020- April 2021*

Trust response:

1. Total number of shifts – 180 shifts. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

For details of the Trust Agency use please click on the Freedom of information tab on the home page and then click on Data to Support FOI FAG's and then the Finance dropdown and the response will be shown. Alternatively please use the following link:

<https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/recent-foi-responses/> further more detailed information will not be released.

2. £23.35 day rate

3. No off framework supply

4. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

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Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/

For details of the Trust Agency spend please click on the Freedom of information tab on the home page and then click on Data to Support FOI FAG's and then the Finance dropdown and the response will be shown.

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