

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6764

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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 staffing.

*You asked:*

- 1. What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency Nursing and who is responsible for managing them?*
- 2. Who is your primary point of contact for decision making regarding supply chain for Agency Nursing?*
- 3. How many agencies are used to supply agency doctors?*
- 4. Of these agencies, how many are off framework – please list them?*
- 5. Over the past 6 months, how many shifts have been filled via an off framework agency?*
- 6. Who is your highest paid agency nurse, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?*
- 7. Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of nurse over the past 6 months?*
- 8. Do you have a Master Vendor for Agency Nurses In place? If so, who are they and when are they contracted until?*
- 9. If you have a Master Vendor in place, how many hours of work for Nursing have been booked outside of your Master Vendor arrangement in the past 6 months?*
- 10. If you have a Master Vendor in place, what % of bookings by your Master Vendor Provider are at the NHSI capped rates in the past 6 months?*
- 11. What is your total (£) off framework agency spend for Agency Nursing?*

Trust response:

1. Workforce Alliance framework contracts/ Head of Temporary Staffing
2. Head of Temporary Staffing
3. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to

you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link/s: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/recent-foiresponses/> the link should take you to the Data to Support FOI FAQ's page where you need to click on the Finance dropdown.

Alternatively, from our website home page, click the Freedom of Information Tab, then the Data to Support FOI FAQ's tab and then the Finance dropdown at the bottom of the page where you will find all the information.

Further more detailed information will not be released.

This information will be updated on a regular basis.

4. Thornbury

5. 29 shifts via Thornbury

6. Information relating to staff that is not currently publically available on our website will not be released under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees.

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8. No

9. Not applicable

10. Not applicable

11. 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.

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/](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/)