

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6903

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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 Off-framework agency staffing.

You asked:

- 1. Could you please provide your total OFF-Framework agency spend between 1st of March 2020 to 31st of March 2021 for A. Nurses (all bands and specialties) & B. General Practitioners, Nurse Practitioners (all types/seniorities). Please answer A & B individually*
- 2. Same question as above but for between April 1st 2021 to Present day*
- 3. Please provide the hourly charge rate for the below Staff Groups/Specialties supplied to your hospital/trust by OFF-Framework recruitment agencies between the beginning of April 2021 to present day. Please answer individually and specify if the charge rate was for a Day, Night, Saturday or Sunday/Bank holiday shift.*
 - A. Registered General Nurse (RGN)*
 - B. Critical Care / ITU / ICU Nurses*
 - C. A&E Nurses*
 - D. Paediatric Nurses*
 - E. Orthopaedic Nurses*
 - F. Operating Department Practitioners (ODP)*
 - G. Theatre Nurses*
 - H. Midwives*
 - I. Healthcare Assistant (HCA)*
 - J. Registered Mental-Health Nurse (RMN)*
 - K. Community Psychiatric Nurses (CPN)*
 - L. General Practitioners (GP)*
 - M. Nurse Practitioners / ANPs*
- 4. Who is responsible for approving the use of Healthcare Recruitment agencies for temporary staff?*

- A. Please provide their work email address and work phone number (or extension if unable to provide a direct line)
5. Who is responsible for approving the use of Healthcare Recruitment agencies for permanent staff?
- A. Please provide their work email address and work phone number (or extension if unable to provide a direct line)
6. Please can you confirm the total number of unfilled shifts between 1st of August 2020 to present day 2021 for:
- A. Nurses (All Bands & Specialties)
- B. Healthcare Assistants (HCA's)
- C. Doctors (All Bands & Specialties)
- D. General Practitioners (GP's), Advance Nurse Practitioners (ANP's) & Nurse Practitioners

Trust response:

1. A. The Trust is aware of previous FOI requests which have released the details of the agency/ies used. The Trust is applying Section 43 of the Act to this question.
- B. No off-framework usage
- 2.A. The Trust is aware of previous FOI requests which have released the details of the agency/ies used. The Trust is applying Section 43 of the Act to this question.
- B. No off-framework usage
- 3.

AfC Band		Mon-Fri 8am-2pm	Mon-Thurs 2pm - 8am	Weekend Fri 2pm - Mon 8am	Bank Holiday
5	A&E and Paeds only	£ 67.45	£ 83.95	£ 90.45	£ 158.29

- A. Not applicable (N/A)
- B. N/A
- C. Above rates for A&E and Paeds only
- D. A&E and Paeds only
- E. N/A
- F. N/A
- G. N/A
- H. N/A
- I. N/A
- J. N/A
- K. N/A
- L. N/A
- M. N/A
4. Section 40 exemption falls under the remit of the Chief People Officer.
- A. Further details can be found on our website.
5. Section 40 exemption falls under the remit of the Chief People Officer
- A. Further details can be found on our website.
6. A. 20,777 shifts unfilled
- B. 14,627 shifts unfilled
- C. 4,057 shifts unfilled
- D. included in numbers above