

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 7691

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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 and Bank staff spend.

You asked:

- 1) The total amount spent by the Trust on bank staff in 2021/22*
- 2) The total amount spent by the Trust on agency staff in 2021/22*
- 3) The total amount spent by the Trust on bank nurses in 2021/22*
- 4) The total amount spent by the Trust on agency nurses in 2021/22*
- 5) The largest amount spent by the Trust on a single agency nurse shift in 2021/22*

Trust response:

1) 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.

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5) The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format. The only way of identifying whether an invoice is for a single shift or multiple shifts is by opening it and viewing the attached invoice image. There are 24,000 invoices for 2021/22. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.