

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 8156

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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.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
Please answer all questions with the relevant data for the month of March 2023 (1st to the 31st March) for your nursing – inclusive of Adult, Mental Health, Critical, Community and District where applicable for both frameworks and off frameworks Agencies.*

Information requested :

- 1. The total number and spend of nursing shifts sent to agencies to fill (frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately*
- 2. The total number and spend of nursing shifts filled by agencies (frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately*
- 3. The total number and spend of critical banded nursing shifts sent to agencies to fill. (frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately*
- 4. The total number and spend of critical banded nursing shifts filled by agencies. (frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately*
- 5. The total number and spend of 'breaches' for filling a shift with agency nurses (Registered Nurses) not within the NHSI capped charge rates.*
- 6. Please provide a list of all frameworks agencies that are currently 'breaching' 'breaches' when filling a shift with agency nurses (Registered Nurses) not within the NHSI capped charge rates.*
- 7. Please provide a list of all frameworks agencies which supply the trust with nursing staff.*
- 8. Please provide a list of off framework agencies which have supplied (from 1st January 2023 to 31st March 2023) into the trust with nursing staff across all sites.*

9. *From 1st March 2023 to 31st March 2023, please list the wards/ departments you have requested shifts for off framework agencies.*

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-foi-responses/> 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. Section 12 exemption - This information is not held electronically and would require the manual checking of several databases by staff. 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.

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