

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 8201

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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 agencies.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

1. *From 1st April 2023- 15th May 2023 how many shifts has your Trust used Thornbury Nursing Services for?*
2. *Within this timeframe please list the number of shifts by ward or department that Thornbury was utilised in.*
3. *Please name all other 'off contract agencies' for nursing that were utilised by the Trust within this time frame. (01/04/2023- 15/05/2023) For the purpose of definition 'off contract suppliers' would be any non framework providers under Work Force Alliance or Health Trust Europe.*
4. *Within this same time frame please list all wards or departments that utilised these agencies.*
5. *Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 day charge rate of over £50 per hour that have been booked for the Trust in this time period (01/04/2023- 15/05/2023)*
6. *Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 night charge above £60 per hour that have been booked for the Trust in this time period (01/04/2023- 15/05/2023)*

Trust response:

1. 18
2. 18 for Paediatrics
3. Not applicable
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This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

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