

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 8575

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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 Vacancies and Agency Nursing.

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

- 1. What are the vacancies within the trust for:
 - a. Registered Nurses*
 - b. Nursing associates*
 - c. HCA's*
 - d. AHP's**
- 2. What is your agency spend within the trust from year to date (by month if possible please)?*
- 3. How many failure to fill shifts did you have for nursing posts in August and September 2023?*
- 4. Who is the current supplier for international nurse recruitment?*

Trust response:

1a N&M 20.3 WTE

1b Zero

1c HCSW 70.7 WTE

1d AHP 76.0 WTE

2. 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.

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. If the document does not open please copy and paste the link into your browser. Please note the spreadsheet takes some time to download. This information is updated on a regular basis and is exempt under Section 22 of the Act.

On the spreadsheet agency nurses are coded as AGN and registered nurses are coded as Band 5 and above. Registered nurses would be AGN5, AGN6, AGN7 etc and unregistered nurses would be ANG3 for example. This information can be found in column K of the spreadsheet.

3. 1964 shifts

4. 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 WWW.MTW.NHS.UK Please enter International Nurse recruitment into the search box and the response will be shown. Alternatively, please use the following link:

<https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/International-Nurse-Recruitment.210823.pdf>