

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 9066

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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 staffing.

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

- 1. The total (£) spent by the trust on agency nurses and healthcare staff in April 2023 - April 2024?*
- 2. Of the amount spent above, how much was the total (£) spent within Mental Health services?*
- 3. Which agencies have the highest agency spend for temporary nurses?*
- 4. What is the current model for dealing with agency staff, such as NHSP / temporary staffing or other such as master or neutral vendor?*
- 5. If the Trust does have a master or neutral vendor agreement in place for the supply of qualified nursing, when does this end?*
- 6. The total off framework agency spend on temporary nurses and healthcare assistant staff in April 2023 - April 2024.*

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.

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.

2. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not provide mental health services.

3.

Altrix Technology Ltd

British Nursing Association

Cromwell Medical Staffing

Day Webster Ltd

Medicspro Ltd

Promedical Personnel Ltd

TFS Healthcare

Thornbury Nursing Services

Your World Nursing Ltd

4. Software cascade to a preferred supplier list.

5. Not applicable.

6. Details of the agency the Trust uses for off-framework staffing has already been disclosed and is available from our website. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA to any further information which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/