

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 9251

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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 spend.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
In the period 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024 please provide a breakdown of:*

1. Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum nurses

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

2. Spend per band

3. Spend per agency name

In the period 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024 please provide a breakdown of:

4. Total trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nurses

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

5. Spend per band

6. Spend per agency name

In the period 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024 please provide a breakdown of:

7. Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum nurses

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

8. Spend per band

9. Spend per agency name

10. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during this period (1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024)

11. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period (1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024)

Trust response:

1 & 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. The Trust is applying Section 43 exemption to this question.

4, 5 & 6. The Trust uses one off-framework agency whose details are already in the public domain and can be found on our website. We are applying Section 43 exemption to this question.

7 & 8. 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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9. Not applicable.

10. 6050

11. 2142