

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 9262

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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.

Question 1: Please provide us with a spend report for Agency Band 5 and Band 6 Nurses from 1st Jan 2024 – 30th June 2024.

Question 2: Can you please provide us with a break down per month of hours filled with Agency workers both Band 5 and Band 6 between 1st Jan 2024 and end of 30th June 2024

Question 3: Can you please provide us with a break down of money spent on off framework agency nurses from 1st Jan 2024-June2024.

Question 4: can you please confirm your top 5 agencies by spend for Band 5 and Band 6 Nurses for the period 1st Jan 2024-30th June 2024.

Trust response:

Q1. 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.

Q2. 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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Q3. The Trust is applying Section 43 of the Act to this question. Details of the off-framework agency used has already been released into the public domain and can be found on our website. If you enter off-framework into the search bar on the website the information will be shown. 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/

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