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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 usage and spend.

You asked:

I would like to request the following information regarding your agency nurse spend for the months of March, April, and May 2024, specifically for "Band 2 HCAs" and separately for "all other Nursing & Midwifery roles":

1. Top 10 Nurse Agencies by Spend:

- a. Please provide a list of your top 10 nurse agencies by spend for the months of March, April, and May 2024.*
- b. For each agency, specify whether they are on-framework or off-framework.*
- c. Provide this information separately for "Band 2 HCAs" and "all other Nursing & Midwifery roles".*

2. On-Framework vs Off-Framework Spend:

- a. Provide the total spend for the months of March, April, and May 2024.*
- b. Break down the spend into on-framework and off-framework categories.*
- c. Provide this information separately for "Band 2 HCAs" and "all other Nursing & Midwifery roles".*

3. Compliance with NHS England Rate Caps:

- a. Specify the number of agency shifts in May 2024 that were compliant with NHS England Rate Caps.*
- b. Provide this information separately for "Band 2 HCAs" and "all other Nursing & Midwifery roles".*

4. Compliance with Agency Spend Ceiling:

- a. Total agency spend (all staff groups, including Nursing & Midwifery (and HCAs), Medical and Dental, Non-Medical Non-Clinical, and any others) between 1st January and 31st May 2024.*
- b. What does this figure represent as a percentage of the Trust's total pay bill for the same period.*

Trust response:

1.

a.

Month	Supplier Name	Framework?
Mar-24	Amida Healthcare	Framework
Mar-24	British Nursing Association	Framework
Mar-24	Cromwell Medical Staffing	Framework
Mar-24	Day Webster Ltd	Framework
Mar-24	Medics Pro Ltd	Framework
Mar-24	Promedical Personnel Limited	Framework
Mar-24	TFS Healthcare	Framework
Mar-24	Thornbury Nursing	Off Framework
Mar-24	Unity Care Solutions Ltd	Framework
Mar-24	Your World Nursing	Framework
Apr-24	British Nursing Association	Framework
Apr-24	Cromwell Medical Staffing	Framework
Apr-24	Day Webster Ltd	Framework
Apr-24	Innovate Complex Care Services Limited	Framework
Apr-24	Interact Nursing	Framework
Apr-24	Medics Pro Ltd	Framework
Apr-24	Promedical Personnel Limited	Framework
Apr-24	TFS Healthcare	Framework
Apr-24	Thornbury Nursing	Off Framework
Apr-24	Your World Nursing	Framework
May-24	Amida Healthcare	Framework
May-24	British Nursing Association	Framework
May-24	Cromwell Medical Staffing	Framework
May-24	Day Webster Ltd	Framework
May-24	ID Medical	Framework
May-24	Medics Pro Ltd	Framework
May-24	Promedical Personnel Limited	Framework
May-24	TFS Healthcare	Framework
May-24	Thornbury Nursing	Off Framework
May-24	Your World Nursing	Framework

b. Thornbury Nursing Services is the only off-framework agency the Trust uses.

c. The Trust has not used any Band 2 Agency staff within those months

2.

a. 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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This information is updated on a regular basis and is exempt under Section 22 of the Act.

b. The Trust will not split this figure under Section 43 of the Act.

c. 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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3. I have been unable to source the information for this question. If you still require the data please let me know and I will continue to chase for the response.

4.

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b.

Pay Trust Wide Costs January 2024 to May 2024	
Month	£
Jan-24	38,160,485
Feb-24	38,058,102
Mar-24	39,607,832
Apr-24	38,876,190
May-24	39,804,439