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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 Nursing Agency Usage and Spend.

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

- 1. A list of nursing agencies currently utilized for nursing and care staff at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.*
- 2. Spend data for nursing and care agencies across all areas of the Trust for qualified staff for the period from April 2023 to April 2024.*
- 3. Information on any off-framework agencies that supplied nursing staff between April 2023 and April 2024, along with the associated spend data.*

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.

Further more detailed spend information is exempt under Section 43 of the Act.

3. Thornbury Nursing.