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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 Temporary staffing spend.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
Please disclose how much (total £) the trust has spent on on-framework agency, off-framework agency, and bank staff in the past four full financial years (2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23; and 2023/24).*

In this instance, "on-framework" refers to organisations on NHS England's list of approved staffing providers. "Off-framework" refers to those who are not on this list but still provide services to trusts.

The figures should pertain to totals in each financial year and overall since 1 April 2020 (i.e., the start of the 2020/21 financial year). If possible, please also disclose:

- 1. A breakdown by total for all three (i.e., £2m on "on-framework", £800k for "off-framework", £1.2m for bank) in each of the four financial years; and*
- 2. If available, the top three specialties by spend in each of the four financial years (e.g., gynaecology, dermatology, cardiology).*

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.

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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.

The Trust uses one off-framework agency for Nursing staff, Thornbury, this information has already been released on our website. Further more detailed information relating to off-framework agency spend will not be released under Section 43 of the Act.

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