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Questions on the trust's ceiling for agency nurse spend, as per the rules introduced from October 1, 2015:

Q1 How many applications has your trust made to increase its ceiling for agency nurse spend?

A1 Zero

Q2 How many of these applications were successful?

A2 Information not held – not applicable

Questions on the agency pay caps – specifically regarding nurses – as per the rules introduced on November 23, 2015:

Q3 On how many shifts has your trust overridden the rules for hourly rate agency caps – specifically for nurses - since the rules were introduced?

A3 282

Q4 Across how many weeks have these breaches (in question 3 above) occurred?

A4 Eight

Q5 How many band five nurses has your trust overridden the rules for?

A5 282 - The Trust uses agency nurses mainly within the ITU area of the hospital, only when it is absolutely necessary.

Q6 How many band six nurses has your trust overridden the rules for?

A6 Zero

Q7 How many band seven nurses has your trust overridden the rules for?

A7 Zero

Q8 How many band eight nurses has your trust overridden the rules for?

A8 Zero