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Date: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear George Smith

Re: FOI request FOI202425/009

Further to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please find a response to your questions below.

Q1 What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency nurses and who is responsible for managing them?

A1 [Contracts for Agency Nurses: Bluestones Medical and Pulse Healthcare LTD](#)

[Responsibility: Information Not Held - There is no central individual responsible for agency nursing. Ward Managers and Heads of Departments would manage agency requirements for their respective areas.](#)

Q2 How many agencies are used to supply agency nurses?

A2 [Two](#)

Q3 Of these agencies, how many are off framework – please list them?

A3 [Zero](#)

Q4 Over the past 6 months, how many shifts have been filled via an off-framework agency?

A4 [Zero](#)

Q5 Who is your highest paid agency nurse, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?

A5 [Information not held - we do not keep a record of agency cost by each individual](#)

member and therefore cannot provide this level of breakdown.

Q6 Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of nurse over the past 6 months?

A6 Please see attached document: FOI 009 Response

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Liverpool Heart & Chest Hospital  
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Yours sincerely

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	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Grand Total
Bluestones Medical Agency Nursing: Band 5	£913.74	£1,959.94	£6,225.04	£6,048.95	£5,356.55	£8,713.24	£29,217.46
Pulse Healthcare LTD Agency Nursing: Band 5	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,356.10	£3,240.89	£6,595.99
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£913.74</b>	<b>£1,959.94</b>	<b>£6,225.04</b>	<b>£6,048.95</b>	<b>£8712.65</b>	<b>£11,954.13</b>	<b>£38,814.45</b>