

Reference Number: FOI202425/345
From: Private Individual
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Subject: Temporary Nursing from June 2024 to October 2024

Q1 Please confirm the number of shifts sent to agencies for fulfilment per month for Band 5 and Band 6 Nurses, broken down by specialty (e.g., A&E, ITU) from June 2024 to October 2024.

A1 June – August 2024:

- Information exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.

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	Cath Lab	SICU	Theatres
September 2024	17	7	64
October 2024	18	15	67

Please note, these figures are for Band 5 Agency. We do not use Band 6 Agency.

Q2 Please confirm the number of shifts that were filled by agencies each month from June 2024 to October 2024.

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Q3 Please confirm any specific days, weeks, or months during which agency usage is consistently highest.

A3 Information not held - there are no specific days, weeks or months that are consistently higher.

Q4 Please provide the agency spend per month by nursing band (e.g., Band 5, Band 6) for agency nurses, from June 2024 to October 2024.

	June-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24
Band 5 Agency Nurses	£0.00	£10,667	£6,045	£5,660	£18,442

Q5 Please provide a breakdown of the filled Nursing shifts by agency on a monthly basis over the period from June 2024 to October 2024.

Month	Shifts
June	126
July	104
August	92
September	88
October	100

Q6 Please confirm the number of Nursing hours filled by off-framework agencies, broken down by month, between June 2024 and October 2024.

A6 None

Q7 Please provide details of the Trust's spend per month for each nursing agency supplier during the period of June 2024 to October 2024.

A7 All spend is with Bluestones Medical.

Q8 Please confirm if a Preferred Supplier List (PSL) or tiered system is in place for Nursing agency engagement.

A8 We do not use a Preferred Supplier List (PSL)

Q9 How many different agencies does the Trust engage with monthly to fill nursing shifts, and is there a limit on the number of agencies used?

A9 Four Agencies at present. There is no limit.

Q10 Does the Trust have a projected agency usage plan for the coming year, and are there specific goals for reducing agency dependency?

A10 No

Q11 If you answered yes to the above question, what are they?

A11 Not applicable, as per A10 above

Q12 Is there a long-term strategy in place to reduce agency nursing costs or transition to alternative staffing models?

A12 No

Q13 If you answered yes to the above question, what are they?

A13 Not applicable, as per A10 above