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Russell's Hall Hospital
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Date: 09/08/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

For the 6-month period ending 30th June 2024, can you please provide:

- Total Off Framework Agency Spend for Nursing and Midwifery staff
- Total hours filled by Off Framework agencies
- A list of all Off Framework agencies utilised by the Trust for nursing and midwifery and a breakdown of each ward or department and total number of shifts for each non framework agency
- A list of Agency suppliers with a day charge rate of over £40 across any nursing/midwifery speciality
- A list of Agency suppliers with a night charge rate of over £45 across any nursing/midwifery speciality
- A list of any Off Framework suppliers that have ongoing block booking arrangements for nursing and Midwifery staff with your Trust within the identified time frame (1.1.2024 - 30.6.2024)

Response

For the 6-month period ending 30th June 2024, can you please provide:

- Total Off Framework Agency Spend for Nursing and Midwifery staff - **None**
- Total hours filled by Off Framework agencies - **None**
- A list of all Off Framework agencies utilised by the Trust for nursing and midwifery and a breakdown of each ward or department and total number of shifts for each non framework agency - **None**
- A list of Agency suppliers with a day charge rate of over £40 across any nursing/midwifery speciality - **None in period**
- A list of Agency suppliers with a night charge rate of over £45 across any nursing/midwifery speciality

The Trust holds this information however providing cost would reveal commercial contract pricing arrangements, therefore, as per Section 43(2), this information is withheld under 'Commercial Interests' where information exempt if its disclosure under this Act would or

would likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

- A list of any Off Framework suppliers that have ongoing block booking arrangements for nursing and Midwifery staff with your Trust within the identified time frame (1.1.2024 - 30.6.2024) - **None**

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office
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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team
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