

Trust Headquarters Russell's Hall Hospital Dudley West Midlands DY1 2HQ

Ref: FOI-042023-00038

Date: 15/6/23 Address / Email: Dear <u>Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000</u> Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Request

I am writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the following:

1. How much have you spent on agency midwives each of the last five years?

Response

18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,047.01	£0.00

2. What was the most expensive agency midwife shift over the last five years? £1,139.71

The Trust has almost eliminated agency usage and only uses agencies in extenuating circumstances and where authorised in order to support our financial plans and our patient experience. We have recruited significant numbers of additional staff and are making progress with reducing nursing vacancies.

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 Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113 www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

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