

Trust Headquarters
Russell's Hall Hospital
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Date: 10.12.24

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

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.

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

June = 2,

July = 0,

August = 2,

September = 0,

October = 0

- Please confirm any specific days, weeks, or months during which agency usage is consistently highest. - N/A

- 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.

Nursing Band 5:

June = £740,

July = 0,

August = £348,

September = 0,

October = 0

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

June = Your Nurse Ltd,

July = 0,

August = Last Minute Healthcare Ltd,

September = 0,

October = 0

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

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

June Your Nurse Ltd = £740,

July = 0,

Aug = Last Minute Healthcare Ltd £348,

September = 0,

October = 0

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

- 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? = Must be on the HTE Framework

- Does the Trust have a projected agency usage plan for the coming year, and are there specific goals for reducing agency dependency? = We have a ban on nursing agency

- If you answered yes to the above question, what are they? = See above response

- Is there a long-term strategy in place to reduce agency nursing costs or transition to alternative staffing models? = Yes. A complete ban

- If you answered yes to the above question, what are they? = See above response

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.

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

