

Date: 19/01/2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - Ref: FOI/017586 – Agency staff

I would like to make a request for information.

1) Please can you state your trust's total off-framework agency staff spend for healthcare staff in the following financial years:

- i) 2017/18
- ii) 2018/19
- iii) 2019/20
- iv) 2020/21
- v) 2021/22
- vi) 2022/23 to date

2) Please provide a breakdown of this figure by the staffing agency used, providing the company name and the total spent with the agency in the year, for each of the following financial years.

- i) 2017/18
- ii) 2018/19
- iii) 2019/20
- iv) 2020/21
- v) 2021/22
- vi) 2022/23 to date

3)

a) Please state how many healthcare staff shifts at your trust were filled by agency staff in each of the following financial years:

- i) 2017/18
- ii) 2018/19
- iii) 2019/20
- iv) 2020/21
- v) 2021/22
- vi) 2022/23 to date

b) For each year, please provide a breakdown of the number by the shifts covered by

- i) On framework agency staff
- ii) Off framework agency staff

The Trust has had many requests about agency usage.

To see previous responses on agency staff please go to the Freedom of Information request disclosure log on the Trust website [Disclosure log - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust \(dgft.nhs.uk\)](#) and in the search box type agency or framework.

Board meetings also have information on agency staff, [Board meetings - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust \(dgft.nhs.uk\)](#) Board papers for September 2022 have information on agency staff on pages 414 to 416. Other months will also have information on agency staff.

The Trust has a plan that phases out all agency use age by February 2023 to support our financial plans and our patient experience. We have recruited significant numbers of additional staff this year and are making progress with reducing nursing vacancies.