

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

**Ref:** FOI-000253

**Date:** 23/8/23

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

Questions 1 to 6:-

Please note information for July is not yet available so can you please re-send the request for July information at a later date.

We refer to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requesting details of any expenditure the Trust may have incurred as result of any agency staff spend. We can confirm we have received a significant number of requests on the same subject matter and we therefore ask in the first instance, you check out our disclosure log of previous FOI requests for the information you have requested. Please click [here](#) to access our disclosure log on our website and use the search box to enter key words such as 'agency' and 'Thornbury', reference numbers 017675, 017688 may be useful for you.

Information for July will still be being collated so will not yet be available, could you re-send your request asking for this information at the end of August or beginning of September.

The Trust therefore considers the information you have requested is reasonably accessible by other means as per section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act. If, after looking at previous responses you feel these do not answer your request, could you please refine your request and advise what other information you require which you have not been able to locate.

Please note, when searching for a response by word on the disclosure log all FOI requests that were logged from 1/4/23 will show on the first page onwards and any FOI requests that were logged up until 31/3/23 will be shown on the last pages of the disclosure log. This is due to a new database and numbering system being deployed.

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.

1) How many agency nursing shifts have your Trust used SNG or Thornbury Nursing Services for between 1st May 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023?

2) Please provide a breakdown of the amount of shifts per ward or department where SNG or Thornbury Nursing Services were used between 1st May 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023?

- 3) How many agency nursing shifts have your Trust used Nutrix, Genesis or AMC nursing agency for between 1st May 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023?
- 4) Please provide a breakdown of the amount of shifts per ward or department where Nutrix, AMC or Genesis were used between 1st May 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023?
- 5) Please name any other OFF CONTRACT SUPPLIERS who have been utilised by the Trust between 1st May 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023?above the NHS Improvement + 50% caps and how many shifts each of these agencies have filled.
- 6) If for any reason you are unable to supply data up until 1<sup>st</sup> August please provide the data until 31st July 2023
- 7) Can you confirm your head of procurement name, phone number and email address? - Paul Mellor  
[dgft.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.procurement@nhs.net) Trust switchboard 01384 456111

## 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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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113  
[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**