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Russell's Hall Hospital  
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**Ref:** FOI-000264

**Date:** 11/8/23

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

Please can you provide answers for the following questions:

1. How many nursing vacancies per specialty are there currently in the trust? All current vacancies can be found on the Trust website [Job vacancy search: Which health sector? | trac.jobs \(dudleygroup.nhs.uk\)](https://www.dudleygroup.nhs.uk/trac/jobs)
2. During the financial year 22/23, which international nurse recruitment partners did you use, if any?
3. Outside of the procurement team who is the Senior Officer responsible for International Nurse Recruitment?
4. What was the international nurse recruitment spend by the trust for the financial year 22/23?
5. How many international nurses did the trust receive in the financial year 22/23?

We refer to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requesting details of any agency staff and recruitment spend. We can confirm we have received a significant number of requests on the same/similar 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 'international' 'agency'. 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.

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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Water Lane  
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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**