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Date: 20.05.2026

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act about agency costs for registered nurse shifts paid out by your organisation over the past two years.

- 1) What was the single highest amount your trust paid to an agency for any registered nurse shift for band 5 or above in the current financial year [i.e. April 2025-26]
 - i. Could you please provide the same information for the preceding year [i.e. April 2024-25]
 - ii. Please outline or name the specialist area this cost was for, if relevant, for example paediatrics, frailty ward, emergency care, ITU etc.
 - iii. Please outline which nursing band (i.e. band 5, band 6 etc.) this cost was for
 - iv. Please include the length of the shift this was paid for

Please lay out the information in a table if possible, per the example below:

Response

Year	Highest amount paid for agency nursing shift band 5 or above	Specialist area/nursing speciality paid for	Nursing band	Length of shift
2024-25	£393	Acute Medical Unit	Band 5	11.5 hours
2025-26	£229	Theatres	Band 5	9.5 hours

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

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