

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Tuesday 7th May 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

Since December 2023, which Nurses Shifts has the Trust struggled to fill ? Please consider the following Specialities for this question : A&E Nurses, NICU,ICU, Midwives, Paediatric Nurses & General Nurses?

A&E and NICU

Do approved Framework agencies approve or confirm Shifts directly with the matron Nurses or any senior nurses directly in the wards with the agencies (Within any of the wards)? If, yes which wards book Nurses directly with the agencies & please provide these Nurses Full names?

N/A all through HR services

When does Temporary Staffing get approval for “Escalated rates” for Ad-hoc Shifts ? Please provide time scale leading up to the Shift date.

The majority are within 24 hours of the shift.

When does Temporary Staffing get approval for “Escalated rates” for long term Agency Nurse Bookings? Please provide time scale leading up to the booking.

This is usually on an individual basis/group basis for X WTE usually around 2 weeks prior.

Who in the trust has the authority to approve the use of Escalated rates or break glass rate for the Approval Framework agencies, Please provide Full Name & Email address?

All confirmed by HR services with Exec approval – hrservicedesk@mkuh.nhs.uk

Please provide names of those agencies that are “breaching NHSI Rates” by being allowed to book Nurses & Midwives not within the NHSI capped rates?

Unable to provide due to GDPR.

If an Approved framework agency can demonstrate their ability to provide Nurses & meet all the requirement with the possibility of using the alternative route of escalated or Break Glass rates, would Temporary staffing add that agency to their Tier 1 Suppliers list?

We are on PSL, not requiring additional support at the moment but please email to hrservicedesk@mkuh.nhs.uk your details so this can be recorded on file in case needed in the near future.

Who is the head of Procurement responsible for approving “Approved Framework agencies” to join their Tier 1 Suppliers list to provide Nurses & Midwives? Please provide Full name & contact address email?

Approved by HR Services – hrservicedesk@mkuh.nhs.uk

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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