

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 27 January 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency nurses and who is responsible for managing them?

Temporary contracts – Temporary Staffing HR

2. How many agencies are used to supply agency nurses?

49

3. Of these agencies, how many are off framework – please list them?

2

4. Over the past 6 months, how many shifts have been filled via an off-framework agency?

75

5. Who is your highest paid agency nurse, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?

We are exempting this under Section 43. This is a qualified exemption, and we are required to assess as objectively as possible whether the balance of public interest favours disclosing or withholding the information. Our view that section 43 applies to your request is based on the judgement that the Trusts ability to purchase products at a competitive price would be compromised by disclosure.

6. Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of nurse over the past 6 months?

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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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