

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-309**

25 May 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**1. Which off framework agencies are used for non-clinical vacancies?**

We do not use off framework agencies for non-clinical vacancies

**2. On a month by month basis what was your off-framework agency spend for the last 12 months for nurses**

Date	Nursing
May 2022	£845,744
June 2022	£884,087
July 2022	£1,197,161
August 2022	£956,935
September 2022	£695,282
October 2022	£618,391
November 2022	£451,090
December 2022	£583,005
January 2023	£590,863
February 2023	£434,957
March 2023	£456,446
April 2023	£226,273

**3. On a month by month basis what was your off-framework agency spend for the last 12 months for doctors**

Date	Doctors
May 2022	0
June 2022	0
July 2022	£9,829
August 2022	£36,332
September 2022	£145,863

<b>October 2022</b>	£100,350
<b>November 2022</b>	£120,485
<b>December 2022</b>	£112,142
<b>January 2023</b>	£68,726
<b>February 2023</b>	£51,895
<b>March 2023</b>	£38,911
<b>April 2023</b>	£154,215

**4. On a month by month basis what was your off-framework agency spend for the last 12 months for band 8s**

We do not use off framework agencies for band 8s

**5. On a month by month basis what was your off-framework agency spend for the last 12 months for band 9s**

We do not use off framework agencies for band 9s

**6. On a month by month basis what was your off-framework agency spend for the last 12 months for very senior managers?**

We do not use off framework agencies for very senior managers

**7. Which off frame work agencies supplied nurses in 2020, 2021 and 2022**

Thornbury Nursing Services.

**8. What is the average length of a contract for a band 8 placed through an off framework agency**

We do not use off framework agencies for band 8s

**9. What is the average length of a contract for a band 9 placed through an off framework agency**

We do not use off framework agencies for band 9s

**10. Total off framework spend in 2020, 2021, and 2022**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Off Framework Agency Spend</b>
<b>2020</b>	£3,246,635
<b>2021</b>	£4,009,864
<b>2022</b>	£7,400,356

**11. Total agency spend for band 8s in 2020, 2021 and 2022 through framework**

We do not use framework agencies for band 8s

**12. Total agency spend for band 9s in 2020, 2021 and 2022 through framework**

We do not use framework agencies for band 9s

**13. Total agency spend for VSMs in 2020, 2021 and 2022 through framework**

We do not use framework agencies for very senior managers

**14. Who is responsible for approving the use of agencies for agency staff? Please provide their email address and contact number**

Clinical Operations Manager, [alexandra.rossiter@uhbw.nhs.uk](mailto:alexandra.rossiter@uhbw.nhs.uk)

**15. What was your off-framework agency spend for fixed term contracts (not ad-hoc shifts) in 2020, 2021, and 2022 split between clinical and non-clinical**

Zero. We have no off-framework fixed term contracts.

**16. What is the process for recruiting interim very senior managers? Who is responsible for that recruitment?**

Head of Resourcing

**17. What was the agency spend for VSMs for 2020, 2021 and 2022**

Zero.

**18. Do you have an off-framework audit pack?**

No.

**19. What are the compliance requirements for off-framework agencies – split between clinical and non-clinical**

As per HTE framework.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

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Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Yours sincerely

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