

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-345

9 June 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. Please can you confirm names of all agencies supplying into the trust directly or via the NHS Professionals platform (if used within your Trust) for midwifery staff, band 5 and above, nursing staff, band 5 and above, and band 4 nursing associates, including off-framework agencies. With the above information, can this be broken down by:

- **Individual Trust, further separating information for each hospital within the Trust.**

Please see the attached response document.

- **Volume of supply (per month for the period 01/04/21 to 31/03/22).**

Please see the attached response document.

- **Total trust spend per agency (per month for the period 01/04/21 to 31/03/22).**

Please see the attached expenditure document.

- **Total individual hospital spend per agency (per month for the period 01/04/21 to 31/03/22).**

Please see the attached expenditure document. Please note we can only provide the breakdown per hospital divisions.

- **By AfC banding of shift request and speciality of midwife, nurse or nursing associate including area worked in, for example, but not limited to postnatal ward, labour ward or for nurses and nursing associates, accident and emergency or respiratory ward.**

Please see the attached response document.

2. Please can you confirm how many shifts have been filled by agencies supplying band 5 and above registered midwifery staff, band 5 and above registered nursing staff and band 4 nursing associates, at or below NHSI agency capped rates broken down by

month and registrant speciality for the period of 01/04/21 to 31/03/22.

This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

3. For the same 12-month period, please can you confirm the average charge rate per hour for band 5 and above registered midwifery staff, band 5 and above registered nursing staff and band 4 nursing associates, broken down into their specialisms for the following:

Weekdays

Night Shift/Saturday shifts

Sunday shift/Bank Holiday

Please see the attached response document.

4. Lastly please can you confirm the highest agency midwife, nurse and nursing associate hourly charge rate, and their specialism?

Please see the attached response document.

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.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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(such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

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Yours sincerely

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