

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-467

13 July 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) In the last 60 days how many hours has your trust utilised Thornbury Nursing Services for agency nurses?

3570

2) In the last 60 days which wards, departments were these TNS requests for?

Please see the attached spreadsheet

3) Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by Thornbury Nursing Services?

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.

4) In the last 60 days has your Trust utilised any other off framework provider for agency nurses? If yes, please name these providers.

Medgen Ltd

Thornbury Nursing Services

5) Please can you confirm how many shifts have been released/allocated to off framework agencies within the last 60 days?

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6) In the last 60 days which wards, or departments were these off framework requests

for?

Please see the attached spreadsheet

7) Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by off framework agencies within the last 60 days?

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8) How many long-term lines of work or block bookings are currently being supplied by off framework agencies?

0

9) Which off framework agencies is the trust currently utilising for Nursing vacancies and what is the spend on these agencies year to date?

£2,217,002

10) What is the average charge for both RMN's and RGN's from off framework agencies?

RMN - £94 per hour

RGN - £83 per hour

11) Who at director level is responsible for patient safety and staffing levels?

Chief Nurse and Midwife

12) Who at temporary staffing is responsible for onboarding new agencies and could you provide me with their contact details?

Clinical Operations Director, alexandra.rossiter@uhbw.nhs.uk

13) Can you confirm if your Off-Framework agency suppliers list (PSL) is always looking to onboard new agencies. If not, what dates does the Trust review this list and look to bring new agencies onto it?

No, not applicable

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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Yours sincerely

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