

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-721

25 October 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

Please can you provide the following information in relation to your expenditure over the last financial year (2022/23) of Medical Locum Doctors via off-framework suppliers:

1) Number of hours filled?

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2) Broken down by grade/specialty?

Consultant grade

Acute Medicine

Respiratory

3) Off-framework agencies used during this period including the total spend for each agency?

General Medicine Group - £5,475.10

Supreme Locums - £561,648.73

4) Highest off-framework charge rate (including detail of grade/specialty)?

£172.20 Consultant grade

5) Average off-framework charge rates per grade/specialty (if available)?

£167.66

6) Contact details for the member of staff / department responsible for on-boarding Doctor agencies?

Head of Resourcing

peter.russell@uhbw.nhs.uk

On top of the above. Please could you clarify the below Nursing information;

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

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

A300 Adult ED 101177
A400 (AMU) 127904
A413 101296
A524 Care of the Elderly 127902
A528 (Stroke) 109008
A600 101107
A602 101179
A604 101192
A609 STAU 110040
A900 Gastro and Hep 127807
BEH Theatres-Pay 103001
C705 101951
C708 101952
C805 BHI Cardiology 101953
C808 Respiratory High Care 127915
Cheddar (Gastro)/WGH 420025
D603 Ward 61 104008
E301 Carousel & Rainforest Outpatients 102037
E308 Childrens emergency department 102038
E400 Seahorse Intensive Care Unit (PICU) 102043
E406 Lighthouse Ward (Ward 37) 102240
E500 Bluebell Ward / E501 Sunflower Ward (Ward 38) 102266
E510 Caterpillar Ward (Ward 30) 102251
E512 Daisy Ward (Ward 33) 102262
E519 Meadow Ward (Ward 36) 102042
E600 Dolphin Ward (Ward 32) 102033
E602 Penguin Ward (Ward 31) 102041
E700 Starlight Ward (Ward 34) 102260
E702 Apollo 35 Ward (Ward 35) 102034
ED Escalation Corridors WGH 420012
ED Queue Staffing for A307 101177
Emergency - Nursing/WGH 420012
ITU/WGH 420028
NICU 102077

Sandford/WGH 420162
Seashore Unit/WGH 421281
Steephelm Ward/WGH 420006
Ward 78 102078

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

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

No

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?

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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?

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

Thornbury Nursing Services £1,056,183 from 1 April 2023 – 30 September 2023

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

RMN: £66.00

RGN: £61.00

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

Chief Nurse

12) Who at temporary staffing is responsible for onboarding new agencies and could

you provide me with their contact details?

Head of Resourcing

peter.russell@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?

We do not hold this information as this is not recorded

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

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Yours sincerely

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