

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-938

21 December 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 answer all questions with the relevant data for the month of October and November (1st October to 30th November 2023) for the request and supply – including Adult, Mental Health, Critical, Community and District where applicable for off frameworks Agencies only.

Information requested:

1. The total number and spend of nursing shifts filled by OFF FRAMEWORKS agencies. Please provide these totals separately for October and November 2023.

2. The total number and spend of critical banded nursing shifts filled by OFF FRAMEWORKS Agencies if applicable. (this includes ED, Critical, ITU and HDU). Please provide these totals separately for October and November 2023.

**StaffGroup Nursing, Midwifery & Health Visiting
 agency type non framework agency**

Spend combined for Q1 & 2

Off Framework Agency Spend	Oct-23	Nov-23
A&E	25,845	18,536
ITU	2,967	4,351
Other	86,430	101,124
Grand Total	115,241	124,011

Please note these figures come from invoice backing and therefore do not include accruals.

We have not provided the shift information - 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.

We have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the requested information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information. We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Sections 43 of the Freedom of Information Act at this time.

3. Please provide a list of OFF FRAMEWORK agencies which have supplied (from 1st October to 30th November) into the trust with nursing staff across all sites.

Medgen Ltd
Thornbury

4. From 1st October to 30th November 2023 please list the wards/ departments you have requested shifts for OFF FRAMEWORKS agencies.

A300 Adult ED 101177
A600 101107
C705 101951
Cheddar(Gastro)/WGH 420025
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
Emergency - Nursing/WGH 420012
Harptree/WGH 420033
ITU/WGH 420028
Knightstone/WGH 420208
NICU 102077
Seashore Unit/WGH 421281
StM Theatres 102081
Theatres/WGH 420009

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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