

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 20-611

6 January 2021

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. What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency nurses and who is responsible for managing them?**
Contract with Neutral vendor Geometric results inc.(GRI) Contract is managed by BNSSG+ Bath senior nursing group in collaboration with procurement.

- 2. How many agencies are used to supply agency nurses?**
152 (Tier 1- 146 agencies, Tier 3 – 5 high cost framework agencies + Tier 4-1 non framework agency)

- 3. Of these agencies, how many are off framework – please list them?**
We only use one non-framework agency-Thornbury

- 4. Over the past 6 months, how many shifts have been filled via an off framework agency?**
1/6/2020-30/11/2020 – 740 shifts

- 5. Who is your highest paid agency nurse, what is their specialty and their hourly charge?**
Thornbury RMN and Thornbury RGN Specialist Band 5 (both roles have the same rate across all specialities, therefore both highest paid) Average hourly charge – £93.19 per hour

- 6. Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and specialty of nurse over the past 6 months?**
Please see the attached spreadsheet
We have not been able to break it down into individual agencies as there are a total of 152 supplying the BNSSG

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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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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