

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-002

18 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) Since 1st April 2020, what are the top three / most expensive hourly rates (including all cost elements i.e. pay, agency fee, NI, PAYE taxes, VAT and any associated managed service / master vendor fee) paid for agency Nurses working at each of the following Bands?

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

2) Since 1st April 2020, what are the bottom three / least expensive hourly rates (including all cost elements i.e. pay, agency fee, NI, PAYE taxes, VAT and any associated managed service / master vendor fee) paid for agency Nurses working at each of the following bands?

Band 5 RN Tier 1 agency nurse – £27.75 per hour

3) For each of the “job titles” (Band / Specialty) mentioned in your response to questions 1 and 2, please disclose the average hourly rate paid for agency nurses of the same Band and Specialty since 1st April 2020.

The vast majority of nurses are Tier 1 agencies therefore rate is either £27.75 per hour basic rate for RN. Specialist RN rate(ICU,ED,Childrens) £34 per hour

4) Has the Trust set maximum hourly rates for agency nurses and, if so, what is the maximum hourly rate for each of the job titles you've listed in response to question 1. We have agreed set rates for framework nurses in a tier 1 system. Specific authorisation is required from wsenior nurses for any bookings outside Tier 1 or non-framework agencies

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
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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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