

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-450**

25 August 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. Could you please provide your total OFF-Framework agency spend between 1st of March 2020 to 31st of March 2021 for A. Nurses (all bands and specialties) & B. General Practitioners, Nurse Practitioners (all types/seniorities). Please answer A & B individually**
- 2. Same question as above but for between April 1st 2021 to Present day**
- 3. Please provide the hourly charge rate for the below Staff Groups/Specialties supplied to your hospital/trust by OFF-Framework recruitment agencies between the beginning of April 2021 to present day. Please answer individually and specify if the charge rate was for a Day, Night, Saturday or Sunday/Bank holiday shift.**
- A. Registered General Nurse (RGN)**  
**B. Critical Care / ITU / ICU Nurses**  
**C. A&E Nurses**  
**D. Paediatric Nurses**  
**E. Orthopaedic Nurses**  
**F. Operating Department Practitioners (ODP)**  
**G. Theatre Nurses**  
**H. Midwives**  
**I. Healthcare Assistant (HCA)**  
**J. Registered Mental-Health Nurse (RMN)**  
**K. Community Psychiatric Nurses (CPN)**  
**L. General Practitioners (GP)**  
**M. Nurse Practitioners / ANPs**

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

**4. Who is responsible for approving the use of Healthcare Recruitment agencies for temporary staff?**

Head of Resourcing

**A. Please provide their work email address and work phone number (or extension if unable to provide a direct line)**

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**5. Who is responsible for approving the use of Healthcare Recruitment agencies for permanent staff?**

As per Q4

**A. Please provide their work email address and work phone number (or extension if unable to provide a direct line)**

As per Q4

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  
Bristol  
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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

Publication

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Yours sincerely

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