

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-709

29 December 2022

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

Total temporary agency spend across the trust as a whole on all specialties and roles?
£28,969k

What % of agency spend was for Nursing from 1st January 2022 – 6th December 2022 (or YTD)? For the avoidance of doubt I require spend across all specialties, bands and roles that require an NMC registration / or a HCPC registration for ODPs.
68%

What was the amount of agency spend on nursing and midwifery was considered break-glass? For the avoidance of doubt these are shifts paid over the NHSI cap.
£9,480,089 (from data available April 2022 - November 2022).

How much of the spend on nursing and midwifery was considered to be off-framework?
41%

What is the total number of hours/shifts that have been covered by framework agencies for nursing and midwifery?

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. Therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

Public Interest Test

When assessing whether or not it was in the public interest to disclose the information to you, we took into account the following factors:

Public interest considerations favouring disclosure

There is a public interest in disclosing information to facilitate accountability and transparency in the spending of public money.

There is a public interest in ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly.

There is also a public interest in ensuring that this is competition for public sector contracts.

Public Interest Test against disclosure

Against disclosure is that the release of the requested information is commercially sensitive in that disclosing this information would reduce the number of companies willing to do business with the public sector, leading to reduced competition and increased costs.

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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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