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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Agency
Rules HCA's, Nursing and Midwifery

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
<p>1. Top 10 Nurse Agencies by Spend?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of your top 10 nurse agencies by spend for the months of March, April, and May 2024. • For each agency, specify whether they are on-framework or off-framework. • Provide this information separately for "Band 2 HCAs" and "all other Nursing & Midwifery roles". 	<p>Zero (0) Band 2 HCA's via Agency 1 x shift in NICU via Thornbury (off-framework) All other framework agencies used in period: Altrix Care Providers ID Medical Interact Medical Nursing Personnel Pulse TXM Healthcare Your World Nursing</p> <p>*not in spend order.</p>			
<p>2. On-Framework vs Off-Framework Spend?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of your top 10 nurse agencies by spend for the months of March, April, and May 2024. • For each agency, specify whether they are on-framework or off-framework. • Provide this information separately for "Band 2 HCAs" and "all other Nursing & Midwifery roles". 	<p>As per Q1</p>			
<p>3. Compliance with NHS England Rate Caps?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Specify the number of agency shifts in May 2024 that were compliant with NHS England Rate Caps. · Provide this information separately for "Band 2 HCAs" and "all other Nursing & Midwifery roles". 	<p>Zero (0) Band 2 HCA's via Agency 26% of shifts were compliant with actual capped rates 97% of shifts were compliant with cap+50% rates</p>			

<p>4. Compliance with Agency Spend Ceiling?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Total agency spend (all staff groups, including Nursing & Midwifery (and HCAs), Medical and Dental, Non-Medical Non-Clinical, and any others) between 1st January and 31st May 2024. · What does this figure represent as a percentage of the Trust's total pay bill for the same period. 	Currently 4.3% across all staff groups			
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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