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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Nursing
spend

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.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. In the period 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024 please provide a breakdown of: • Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum nurses Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by: • Spend per band • Spend per agency name	<p>Total Spend £1,358,108 broken down as follows:</p> <p>Band 5 Genral Nursing £864,666 Band 5 Specialist Nursing £421,321 Band 6 Midwives £66,748 Band 7 ENP's £5,373</p>	Yes	Section 43(2)	<p>In response to the request for "Spend per agency name":</p> <p>Whilst the Trust holds the breakdown of information as requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.</p> <p>In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.</p> <p>We have concluded providing the information could cause harm to the Trust as this could distort the market-place and therefore, result in the Trust not obtaining best value for money.</p> <p>In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.</p>

2. In the period 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024 please provide a breakdown of: • Total trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nurses Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by: • Spend per band • Spend per agency name	Total Spend £3,002 broken down as follows: Band 5 Specialist Nursing £3,002	Yes	Section 43(2)	Please see Q1.
3. In the period 01/01/24 to 30/06/24 please provide a breakdown of: • Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum nurses Please provide a breakdown for locum nurses by: • Spend per band • Spend per agency	Nurse Bank Spend for period £7,716,296 broken down as follows: Band 2 £3,369,439 Band 3 £48,719 Band 4 £30,038 Band 5 £3,553,185 Band 6 £469,227 Band 7 £169,312 Band 8 (a - d) £76,376	Yes	Section 43(2)	Please see Q1.

4. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during this period (1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024)	Total number of shifts filled by Agency: 4,072	No		
5. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period (1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024)	Total number of shifts filled by Agency above NHSE capped rates: 2,714	No		

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.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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