



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-397

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Agency Nursing Spend

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency nurses and who is responsible for managing them?**

A1 The Trust has a Master Vend Contract in place – the contract is managed by Procurement and the agency staff managed via the in-house bank management team

**Q2 How many agencies are used to supply agency nurses?**

A2 There are currently 23 agencies on the Master Vend

**Q3 Of these agencies, how many are off framework – please list them?**

A3 The Trust do not use any none framework agencies

**Q4 Over the past 6 months, how many shifts have been filled via an off framework agency?**

A4 None

**Q5 Who is your highest paid agency nurse, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?**

A5 The Trust have booked Chemotherapy Nurses specialist nurses on a temporary basis at £42 per hour (agency cost)

**Q6 Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of nurse over the past 6 months?**

A6 Please see below: note we are unable to break these figures down further.

Provider Name	Expenditure for 6 Month Period requested
Bluestones Medical	£32377

Care Providers Healthcare	£1440
Coyle Personnel Plc	£1241.28
Drc Locums Ltd	£53560.13
Id Medical Group Limited	£17894.34
Medacs Healthcare Services Plc	£508749.09
The Fine Green Group	£12809.8
Txm Healthcare Ltd	£455.28
Grand Total	£628526.92

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.



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Yours,

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