



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-859

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Date: 2nd April 2024

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th March 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding shifts

As of 1st 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 From 1st January 2024 until 1st March 2024 how many shifts has your Trust or Health Board utilised Thornbury Nursing services for?

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this question, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>
703-2324 (your previous request) and 413-2324

Q2 Within this same time frame (1st January 2024 until 1st March 2024) please list all wards or departments that utilised this agency and display the number of shifts in each.

A2 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this question, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

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Off framework FOIs: 792-2324 February
417-2324 September
413-2324 September
278-2324 August
170-2324 June

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- Q3 Within this same time frame (1st January 2024 until 1st March 2024) please list all other off contract agencies utilised by the Trust or Health Board for nursing and break down a list of each ward or department and total number of shifts for each off contract agency.**
- A3 We have not used any off framework agency shifts
- Q4 Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 day charge rate of over £50 per hour that have been booked for the Trust or Health Board in this time period (01/01/2024-01/03/2024)**
- A4 We have not booked any band 5 nurses with a charge rate of £50
- Q5 Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 night charge above £60 per hour that have been booked for the Trust or Health Board in this time period (01/01/2024-01/03/2024)**
- A5 We have not booked any band 5 nurses with a charge rate of £60
- Q6 Please list any suppliers with a critical day rate charge (Band 5 or 6) ITU/A&E/Theatre or any other Speciality above the rate of £60 per hour that have been utilised in this time period**
- A6 We do not have any critical areas with a band 5 or 6 day charge rate of £60
- Q7 Please list any suppliers with a critical night rate charge (Band 5 or 6) ITU/A&E/Theatre or any other Speciality above the rate of £70 per hour that have been utilised in this time period**
- A7 We do not have any critical areas with a band 5 or 6 night charge rate of £70

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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.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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