

06/12/2022

Dear Requester,

FOI 1812

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. (a) Who is the head of procurement at your trust responsible for approving Nursing agency usage? (b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service.

Section 21 (Already in public domain) exemption applied - [Who's who at the Trust](#)

2. Please can you provide the contact information in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)

Section 40 (personal data) exemption applied

3. Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between Dec 2021 – May 2022: (a) RGN's (b) RCN's (c) RN's and (d) HealthCare Assistants (e) RMN (f) Specialist RN (ITU)

The Trust does not use off-framework agencies

4. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between Dec 2021 – Present

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5. Since the start of January 2022 - present, please provide the current charge rates from your Off Framework, Nursing providers, providing a clear breakdown between the workers pay rate and agency commission

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6. Based on the above information, who are your current Nursing Off-Framework agencies and how many shifts have been booked for each month from January 2022 – Present

The Trust does not use off-framework agencies

7. Please confirm what Staffing Frameworks the Trust is allowed to utilise

- HealthTrust Europe: Total Workforce Solutions II.
 - Permanent recruitment solutions (Lot 1a and 1b)
 - Fully managed service: bank and agency (Lot 2a)
 - Agency staffing services – all healthcare professionals (Lots 3a, 3b and 3c)
 - Agency staffing services – non-clinical staffing (4a and 4b)
- Workforce Alliance: RM6158 – Flexible Resource Pool – Staff Bank
- Workforce Alliance: RM6160 – Non Clinical Temporary and Fixed Term Staff
- Workforce Alliance: RM6161 – Provision of Clinical and Healthcare Staffing
- Workforce Alliance: RM6162 – International Recruitment of Clinical Healthcare Professionals

The Trust predominantly uses the Workforce Alliance framework contracts.

The Trust is able to utilise and government approved framework contract supplier. Please see [NHS England » Agency rules: list of approved framework agreements for all staff](#)

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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