

## Freedom of Information Request

**Reference Number:** EPUT.FOI.24.3616  
**Date Received:** 10 July 2024

### Information Requested:

Please can you provide the below information:

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  
The spend is based on paid invoices for this period totals £5.1m
2. Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:
  - Spend per band  
We can only provide the spend split by qualified and unqualified nursing staff based on paid invoices for the period requested:

Framework	January 24 to June 24 £m
Qualified	3.9
Unqualified	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.1</b>

- Spend per agency name  
The Trust believes that this information is of commercial interest and may prejudice either the supplier or the Trust. The Trust is therefore applying Section 43 of the Act (Commercial Interests)
3. 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  
The spend is based on paid invoices for this period totals £1m
  4. Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:
    - Spend per band  
We can only provide the spend split by qualified and unqualified nursing staff based on paid invoices for the period requested:

Off-Framework	January 24 to June 24 £m
Qualified	1.0
Unqualified	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.0</b>

- Spend per agency name  
The Trust believes that this information is of commercial interest and may prejudice either the supplier or the Trust. The Trust is therefore applying Section 43 of the Act (Commercial Interests)
5. In the period 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024 please provide a breakdown of:
- Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum nurses  
The reported bank spend for the period is £22.9m
6. Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:
- Spend per band  
We can only provide the spend split by qualified and unqualified nursing staff. The Qualified spend is £8.3m and Unqualified nursing spend is £14.6m for the period.
  - Spend per agency name  
We use our own internal bank for nurses.
7. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during this period (1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024)  
45615
8. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period (1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024)  
4131
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#### Applied Exemption:

##### Section 43 (Commercial Interests):

- (1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret
  - (2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)
  - (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2)
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