

Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: EPUT.FOI.22.2759
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Information Requested:

1. From 1st October 2022 to 2nd December 2022 how many shifts has your Trust used Thornbury Nursing Services for?
We can confirm that Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust has not used Thornbury Nursing Services.
2. Within this timeframe please list the number of shifts by ward or department that Thornbury was utilised in.
N/A
3. Please name all other 'off contract agencies' for nursing that were utilised by the Trust within this time frame. (01/10/2022- 02/12/2022) For the purpose of definition 'off contract suppliers' would be any non framework providers under Work Force Alliance or Health Trust Europe.
The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the [eput-foi-22-2544.pdf](#) website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):
4. Within this same time frame please list all wards or departments that utilised these agencies.
The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the [eput-foi-22-2544.pdf](#) website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):
5. Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 day charge rate of over £50 per hour that have been booked for the Trust in this time period (01/10/2022- 02/12/2022)
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):
6. Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 night charge above £60 per hour that have been booked for the Trust in this time period (01/10/2022- 02/12/2022)
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):

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)

Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Publication Scheme:

As part of the Freedom of Information Act all public organisations are required to proactively publish certain classes of information on a Publication Scheme. A publication scheme is a guide to the information that is held by the organisation. EPUT's Publication Scheme is located on its Website at the following link <https://eput.nhs.uk>