

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please could you answer the following questions in relation to the trusts off-framework usage in financial year 2022-2023:

In line with other NHS organisations, Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust is experiencing recruitment challenges. The Trust is working to attract more permanent staff against a background of NHS wide staff shortages and is making good progress. More than 200 international nurses have joined the Trust over the last 12 months as part of our ethical recruitment campaign and there has been an improvement in our overall vacancy rate. We have also been focusing on encouraging bank staff to join the Trust on permanent contracts - so far we have successfully moved more than 240 of our bank and agency colleagues into permanent roles.

1) How much in total did the trust spend on off-framework nursing supply?

Off-framework Agency	Total
BELMONT RECRUITMENT LIMITED	£141,043
FRONTLINE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LTD	£192,886
GENEPOOL MEDICAL	£19,992
SEVEN RESOURCING LTD	£435,496
SOLUTIONS ACTION MANAGEMENT LIMITED	£120,671
TOTAL HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP LTD	£350,534
TOTAL	£1,260,622

2) How was that total split between Community and Mental Health Nursing?
No community duties all mental health.

3) How many HCA shifts were sent out to off framework agencies?
Off framework duties are not sent out to cover, they are always prearranged placement covers. As such, they do not constitute ad hoc duties.
90 duties covered by off framework

4) How many Nursing shifts were sent out to off framework agencies?
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3745 duties covered by off framework

5) Who within the trust is responsible for reporting on off-framework usage?
Temporary staffing Office

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