

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

- Over the last financial year, how many Nurses, Drs and AHPs have been recruited internationally?  
[AHPs - 24](#)  
[Nurses - 45](#)  
[Doctors-14](#)
  - Over the last financial year, how many international nurses, Drs and AHPs were recruited via an agency?  
[AHPs – 10](#)  
[Nurses 100%](#)  
[Doctors-0%](#)
  - Which agencies were used over the last financial year for international recruitment, and were any of them on an exclusive basis?  
[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 \(Commercial Interests\):](#)
  - What is the budget for international recruitment over and above any grant funding for the financial year 2024/25?  
[£0.](#)
  - What is the name and the job title of the person within your Trust is responsible for International recruitment?  
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  - How did the trust engage with these agencies (direct award, Call off agreement, tender, mini-competition)?  
[Direct](#)
  - How many vacancies for nurses, Doctors and AHP does your Trust have currently?  
[Nurses - 331](#)  
[AHP - 49](#)  
[Doctor - Approximately 51](#)
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**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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