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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

#### **Requested information:**

1. From Jan to August 2024 please confirm how many Nursing shifts were sent out to agencies to fill (per month), for Band 2, Band 3, Band 5 and Band 6 by discipline ( e.g. General, A&E, Theatres, ITU, Paediatrics etc)
2. Please confirm how many of these Nursing shifts (above) were filled by agencies per month (broken down per agency).
3. Please confirm how many of these Nursing shifts went unfilled (per month), for Band 2, Band 3, Band 5 and Band 6 by discipline (e.g. General, A&E, Theatres, ITU, Paediatrics etc).
4. Please confirm how many shifts from Jan to August 2024 were filled by off-framework agencies by all disciplines (e.g. General, A&E, Theatres, ITU, Paediatrics etc) and month.

**Please see Appendix 1 attached.**

5. Please confirm the charge rates agreed for any off-framework Nursing spend from Jan to August 2024 (broken down per agency, discipline and month)

Agency	Discipline	Band	Charge Rate
Locum Health	General Practice	6	£45 p/hr
Thornbury	Mental Health	2	Mon - Fri 8am - 2pm- £46.45 p/hr Mon - Thu 2pm - 8am- £58.45 p/hr Fri 2pm - Mon 8am- £64.45 p/hr
Thornbury	Mental Health	5	Mon - Fri 8am - 2pm- £73.45 p/hr Mon - Thu 2pm - 8am- £91.45 p/hr Fri 2pm - Mon 8am- £98.45 p/hr

6. Please provide the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for agreeing temporary nursing agency contracts for your Trust?

**Staff names and email addresses are exempt as they constitute personal data and would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 (in accordance with qualified exemption S40 (2)(a) of the FOI Act).**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



**Nicola Griffiths**  
**Deputy Director of Governance**

		Acute			Acute and Urgent			LD and CAMHS			Neuro and Rehab			Older Adults			Specialist Services- Young Persons				Substance Misuse		General Practice	
Request Grade	Date	Total shifts sent out	Day Webste (Mastervend)	Unfilled Shifts	Total shifts sent out	Day Webste (Mastervend)		Total shifts sent out	Day Webste (Mastervend)	Unfilled Shifts	Total shifts sent out	Day Webste (Mastervend)	Unfilled Shifts	Total shifts sent out	Day Webste (Mastervend)	Unfilled Shifts	Total shifts sent out	Day Webste (Mastervend)	Thornbury (Off-Framework)	Unfilled Shifts	Total shifts sent out	Day Webste (Mastervend)	Total shifts sent out	Locum Health (Off-Framework)
Band 2 HCSW	Jan	3	3					3	3					1	1		143	2	141					
	Feb	46	44	2				1	3		11	10	1	14	14		121	78	43		4	4		
	Mar	7	7					9	9		1	1		3	3		130	130						
	Apr							1	1								121	121						
	May	2	2		15	15					2	2					34	34						
	Jul										19	19		3	3									
Band 2 HCSW Total		58	56	2	15	15		14	14		33	32		22	22		549	365	184		4	4		
Band 3 HCSW	Jan	3	3					1	1		1	1		2	3									
	Feb	26	25	1				4	4		7	5	2	13	13									
	Mar													2	2									
	Apr										1	1					1	1						
	May	2	2		10	10								1	1									
	Jul	1	1																					
Band 3 HCSW Total		32	31	1	10	10		5	5		9	7	2	18	18		1	1						
Band 5 RMN	Jan	75	75					1	1		1	1		14	14		86	17	69		26	26		
	Feb	84	82	2				4	4		5	5		16	15	1	73	25	48		17	17		
	Mar	76	71	5	1	1		6	5	1	19	19		9	8	1	99	90	9		21	21		
	Apr	57	57		2	2		2	2		3	3		8	8		87	87			16	16		
	May	16	16											2	2		45	45			18	18		
	Jun	17	17					2	2								27	26		1	17	17		
	Jul	1	1					19	19		8	8					24	24			12	12		
	Aug	2	2					15	15		6	6		1	1		5	5			13	13		
Band 5 RMN Total		328	321	7	3	3		49	48	1	42	42		50	48	2	446	319	126	1	140	140		
Band 6 RMN	Jan	2	2																					
	Feb	1	1																					
	Mar	3	3					1	1															
	Apr																							
	May	2	2											1	1									
Band 6 RMN Total		8	8					1	1					1	1									
Band 6 General Practice	Jan																						3	3
	Feb																						4	4
	Mar																						5	5
	Apr																						4	4
	May																						4	4
	Jun																						4	4
Band 6 General Practice Total																							20	20
Grand Total		426	416	10	28	28		69	68	1	84	81	3	91	89	2	996	685	310	1	144	144	20	20