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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 7th April 2025. 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. In the period 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 please provide a breakdown of total Trust spend with framework agencies for locum nurses

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

- Spend per band.
- Spend per specialty.
- Spend per agency name.

2. In the period 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 please provide a breakdown of total Trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nurses

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

- Spend per band.
- Spend per specialty.
- Spend per agency name.

Information relating to Trust agency spend can be found here [Agency Information](#)

January to March data is exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act as it is intended for future publication.

3. In the period 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 please provide a breakdown of total Trust spend with the internal Trust bank or associated external provider for locum nurses

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

- Spend per band.
- Spend per specialty.
- Spend per agency name.

Speciality	Jan 2025 £000	Feb 2025 £000	Mar 2025 £000	Total £000
ACUTE SERVICES & URGENT CARE	74	85	93	252
COMMUNITY	6	9	7	21
DIR OF QUALITY AND NURSING	1	1	0	2
PEOPLE AND OD	3	4	3	9
PRIMARY CARE DIRECTORATE	1	1	1	3
SPECIALIST SERVICES	21	17	22	60
Grand Total	106	117	126	349

Spend per band data is not available as bank and agency are not recorded by band.

The Trust only utilises internal bank.

- Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during this period for all agency nursing only, no bank staff nursing to be included (1st January 2025 to 31st March). **166 shifts (105 nursing, 61 HCSW)**
- Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period for all agency nursing only, no bank staff nursing to be included (1st January 2025 to 31st March). **26 shifts**

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



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