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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 3rd July 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 April 2025 to 30th June 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 April 2025 to 30th June 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 up to 31st March 2025 can be found here [Finance - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust](#) under Agency Information.

April - June data is exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act as it is intended for future publication.

3. In the period 1st April 2025 to 30th June 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.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

4. 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 April 2025 to 30th June 2025). **153 nursing only shifts.**
5. 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 April 2025 to 30th June 2025). **0**

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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Registered Bank Nurses

Specialty	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Total
Acute Services	41	33	32	105
Additional Complexity	2	2	0	4
Adult MH	1	1	1	2
Education	2	1	0	3
LD & CAMHS Inpatients	17	8	21	46
MAPA	1	0	0	1
Neuro & Rehab	6	4	6	16
Neuro Diverse And Ageless	1	0	0	1
Older Adults	1	1	13	15
Organisational Development	1	2	0	3
Substance Misuse	9	4	4	17
Talking Therapies	1	2	1	4
Urgent Care	60	56	50	166
Grand Total	142	114	129	384