

Our Ref: NG/RM/25295  
Date: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Nicola Griffiths  
Deputy Director of Governance  
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust  
Lawton House  
Bellringer Road  
Trentham  
ST4 8HH

Reception: 0300 123 1535

Dear

## Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 14<sup>th</sup> August 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:**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would be grateful if you could provide the following data regarding agency temporary staffing spend within your Trust.

1. Temporary Staffing Agency Spend (1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025)
  - The total spend on agency Mental Health Nurses (including both inpatient and community roles such as CPNs), broken down by Band (2, 3, 5, 6, 7) excluding VAT:

**Information relating to Trust agency spend up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 can be found here [Finance - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust](#) under Agency Information.**

**July data is exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act as it is intended for future publication.**

**Please note breakdown by band data is not available.**

- The total hours filled by agency Mental Health Nurses (including both inpatient and community roles such as CPNs)

Band	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25
Inpatient					
Band 2	40.48	107.5	513.75	22.2	10.63
Band 3					
Band 5	159.13	591.57	538.37	56.37	99.12
Band 6	43	165.2	208.73	45.07	110.65
Band 7	80	37	32	51	57

## 2. Agency Supplier Information

For each agency currently supplying Mental Health Nurses (Bands 2, 3, 5, 6, 7), please provide:

- Agency Name. **Master Vend contract- supplied through Day Webster.**
- Agreed Charge Rates (total hourly cost to the Trust) for each Band.

Grade	Basic £	Night £	Saturday £	Sunday £	Bank Holiday £
Band 2 HCSW	<b>17.05</b>	<b>23.87</b>	<b>23.87</b>	<b>30.86</b>	<b>30.86</b>
Band 3 HCSW	<b>17.05</b>	<b>22.86</b>	<b>22.86</b>	<b>28.52</b>	<b>28.52</b>
Band 5 RLDN	<b>24.06</b>	<b>31.29</b>	<b>31.29</b>	<b>38.51</b>	<b>38.51</b>
Band 5 RMN	<b>24.06</b>	<b>31.29</b>	<b>31.29</b>	<b>38.51</b>	<b>38.51</b>
Band 5 RN	<b>24.06</b>	<b>31.29</b>	<b>31.29</b>	<b>38.51</b>	<b>38.51</b>
Band 6 RLDN	<b>29.78</b>	<b>38.71</b>	<b>38.71</b>	<b>47.65</b>	<b>47.65</b>
Band 6 RMN	<b>29.78</b>	<b>38.71</b>	<b>38.71</b>	<b>47.65</b>	<b>47.65</b>
Band 6 RN	<b>29.78</b>	<b>38.71</b>	<b>38.71</b>	<b>47.65</b>	<b>47.65</b>
Band 7 ANP	<b>59</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

- Total Hours Supplied by each agency, broken down by Band, for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025. **All supplied through Master Vend.**

## 3. Temporary Staffing Management Contacts

- The department or team responsible for managing agency Mental Health Nurses (e.g., Workforce Planning, HR, Medical Staffing). **E-rostering & temporary Staffing Team**
- If available, a general contact phone number &/or email for workforce enquiries.  
[erostering.tempstaffing@combined.nhs.uk](mailto:erostering.tempstaffing@combined.nhs.uk)

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**