



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 18/19: 443

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 15/11/2018.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1. *Please can you outline your agency spend into each 52 weeks or 12 months for the year 2018 (I understand the year has not finished yet so up to OCTOBER 2018) would be sufficient.*

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| Jan-18 | £ | 260,029 |
| Feb-18 | £ | 259,149 |
| Mar-18 | £ | 217,404 |
| Apr-18 | £ | 197,687 |
| May-18 | £ | 199,114 |
| Jun-18 | £ | 198,186 |
| Jul-18 | £ | 182,726 |
| Aug-18 | £ | 240,724 |
| Sep-18 | £ | 233,113 |
| Oct-18 | £ | 250,347 |

2. *How many agencies did your trust use in the year of 2018?*

27 Nursing Agencies
31 Medical Agencies

3. *How much was spent on agency nurses in 2018?*

£2,238,480

4. *On December 25th 2017, how many shifts went nursing shifts went unfilled?*

11 RN shifts, 3 HCA shifts

5. *What is the highest hourly rate paid to a locum agency in 2018 and what band was this nurse i.e band 5 general.*

£41.98 - Band 5

6. *Please list the names of agencies that we used in year 2018 and list the total amount of spend for each used.*

This information is withheld under section 43(2) Commercial Interests

Reason / Explanation

To provide the information as requested, would be disclosing information which is commercially sensitive and could prejudice the commercial interests of our suppliers. This information is therefore held exempt under section 43 of the FOI Act.

In relation to this exemption (known as a 'Prejudice' based exemption), as required, we have applied the Public Interest Test and have found that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

7. *What is the total number of different nurse locums did the trust use in 2018.*

214

8. *What was the highest hourly rate paid to an agency for a nurse in 2018 - Please state what agency this was and what band they were.*

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9. *Of all agencies used, were any off framework? If so, what are the agencies called?*

No

10. *Who is the head of procurement at your Trust who approves agency use?*

It is not Trust practice to divulge the details for staff members below board level, however, we would be happy to forward on correspondence on your behalf.

11. *Who approves above-cap and/or off-framework usage?*

Medical Director

12. *Who are your tier 1 and tier 2 agencies?*

The Trust no longer use the tier system.