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Email only

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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Agency Nursing Spend and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. **Please confirm how many shifts were sent out for agencies to fill (per month), for Band 5 and Band 2 (nursing staff) between July 2022 and June 2023?**
2. **Please confirm how many of these shifts were filled by agencies per month for the same timespan as detailed in Q1. (Please can this be broken down per agency)**

<b>Band 5</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Hours Sent to Agency</b>	<b>Hours Filled Agency</b>
Jul-22	3,343	1,123
Aug-22	3,292	885
Sep-22	3,158	686
Oct-22	2,937	743
Nov-22	2,888	624
Dec-22	5,169	653
Jan-23	4,512	873
Feb-23	4,307	1,031
Mar-23	4,128	1,362
Apr-23	3,154	1,110

Band 5		
Month	Hours Sent to Agency	Hours Filled Agency
May-23	2,868	1,114
Jun-23	3,243	1,361

Band 2 - HCA		
Month	Hours Sent to Agency	Hours Filled Agency
Jul-22	14,097	10,470
Aug-22	14,142	9,491
Sep-22	12,385	8,133
Oct-22	14,481	8,113
Nov-22	11,160	8,013
Dec-22	17,807	14,213
Jan-23	15,982	13,853
Feb-23	14,794	13,056
Mar-23	16,312	14,635
Apr-23	16,426	14,873
May-23	16,539	14,617
Jun-23	18,055	16,508

3. Where there is a Tiered structure of agency suppliers, please can you confirm how many shifts per month were filled by each 'Tier' of supplier used.

The Trust does not have a tiered structure of agency suppliers.

4. Between July 2022 and June 2023, what was the trust spend per month, for each agency supplier?

Please note that the Trust does not have the costs per agency, just by month.

Qualified Nursing Agency	Spend
Jul-22	£41,062
Aug-22	£5,517
Sep-22	£5,543
Oct-22	£32,241
Nov-22	£22,510
Dec-22	£1,010
Jan-23	£55,926
Feb-23	£41,863
Mar-23	£19,224
Apr-23	£23,480
May-23	-£60,749
Jun-23	£51,373
Total	£239,002

HCA agency	Spend
Jul-22	£206,629
Aug-22	£193,835
Sep-22	£141,033
Oct-22	£147,722
Nov-22	£131,588
Dec-22	£259,255
Jan-23	£258,689
Feb-23	£230,826
Mar-23	£99,872
Apr-23	£245,347
May-23	£1,183
Jun-23	£300,810
Total	£2,216,790

**5. Please confirm the average charge rate across this 12 month period for a Band 5 General nurse.**

Due to the way that the Trusts systems monitor agency utilisation and spend, it is not possible to provide average rates. However we are happy to provide the following information.

Band 5 rates are set at the top of the NHSI agency capped rate

The only rate that exceeds this, is for operating department band 5 staff at the rate of £39.39 total charge (day rate). The Trust has strict adherence and compliance to these rates.

Band 2 rates are set at the top of NHSI agency capped rate. There are no exceptions and the Trust has strict adherence and compliance to these rates.

**6. Please confirm Total off-framework spend across the period July 2022 to June 2023. Can this also be broken down per month.**

Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case the Trust is claiming an exemption under Section 21 of the Act, namely the information regarding off framework is otherwise accessible from our website.

[County Durham and Darlington - Workforce and Organisational Development Reports \(cddft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.cddft.nhs.uk/reports)

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**