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Dear Grant Scott,

**Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Ref: FOI/2223/SG12686**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 5 January 2023. Please find below our response to your request:

**REQUEST:**

For the use of agencies, please can you confirm what framework the trust works under.

- 1) Please can you confirm the list of agencies that have supplied to the trust under the framework through the dates of January 2021 – December 2022, specifically for both Band 6 and 7 requirements.
- 2) For the same 12-month period, please can you provide the list of agencies that have supplied to you outside of the framework, specifically for both Band 6 and 7 requirements.
- 3) Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of nurse and department for the above time period.
- 4) Please can you confirm on what occasions you would look to go outside of the framework for nursing booking
- 5) Please can you confirm the highest agency hourly charge rate, and their speciality for nursing bookings.
- 6) What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency nurses and who is responsible for managing them?
- 7) Please Can you please provide me with the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for agreeing temporary nursing agency contracts for your Trust?
- 8) Please can you provide details of the names of the decision makers who ultimately decide which agencies the Trust use?

## **OUR RESPONSE:**

**1. HCL Nursing (now known as HCRG)**

**2. Thornbury and Seven**

**3. Please note that we don't hold the 'nurse speciality' level info – we only hold cost by grade**

**The spend for period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 is as follows:**

**On-framework qualified nurse (bands 5,6 & 7), total: £24,536,188**

**Off-framework qualified nurse (bands 5,6 & 7), total: £4,991,692**

**4. LPT will only escalate to off framework when all means have been exhausted, eg internal bank and framework supplier have not been successful with filling a shift. Off framework use is only permitted via dynamic risk assessment completed by charge nurse and authorised by executive director.**

**5. £71.45 (For Thornbury - Sunday/Bank Holiday Hourly Rate)**

**6. HCRG provide a Managed Services to the Trust for agency supply. The contract and is managed by the procurement team.**

**7. Sarah Holliehead/Russell Hadfield – contract  
Amrik Singh – deployment of workers**

**In accordance with the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations we withhold permission for you to either store these details on your data base, or make unsolicited contact for marketing purposes.**

**8. The Trust Board authorises all contracts to suppliers over £500m as per our SFI's. These contracts are approved upon presentation of a Tender Award paper written by the Procurement Team. The Head of Procurement is responsible approving all subcontractors to our Managed Service agency providers.**

I trust this response is helpful to you. However, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to: *Hannah Plowright, Deputy Data Protection Officer, Unit 2, Bridge Park Plaza, Thurmaston, Leicester LE4 8BL*

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at: *The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House,*

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[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk) . There is no charge for making an appeal.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any communications.

Yours sincerely,

Data Privacy Team

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