

25th March 2020

Our ref: FOI 03635

Dear Mr McCallion

Thank you for your request for information.

Your Request & Our Response

Can you please tell me if the trust used agencies to recruit international nurses during 2019?	Yes
If the trust did use agencies, can you tell me how many nurses were recruited and how much was spent recruiting overseas nurses via both framework and off framework agencies?	Jane Lewis 23 starters – agency cost £41,400 and Global Learners £117,288
Can I also have the total cost to recruit one international nurse and what upfront costs the trust incurred?	No up front costs we pay on arrival the agency fee is £1,800 per nurse via Jane Lewis and £3,258 for global learners nurses. We also pay for the flight to the UK, the OSCE, visa, immigration surcharge, certificate of sponsorship and 2 months accommodation upon arrival
Does the Trust have plans to recruit nurses internationally during 2020?	We currently have a high number of international nurses under offer and given the current situation we are assessing the situation when the COVID Pandemic lessens

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Yours Sincerely,

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