



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-123

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Email [foi@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhn.nhs.uk)

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21st May 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding agency

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 I'm writing to request the below information from NHS Trusts in England on their rates for agency cover for the financial years 23/24 and 24/25. Please answer the following questions:**

**Which agency companies are you using to provide nursing agency cover and junior medical agency cover?**

A1 See below:

Nursing Master Vendor – Day Webster  
Medical Locums – Please see attached spreadsheet.

**Q2 What are the hourly rates that you are paying each of those agencies at the nursing bands, band 2-band 7?**

A2 The Trust considers your request to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as to release this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust. The trust has applied the public interest test to this request and feels that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure

**Q3 What are the hourly rates that you are paying each of those agencies at all junior doctor levels?**

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**Q4 These must include the rates for the 23/24 and 24/25 financial periods.  
Please display the data in an excel format if possible.**

A4 As answer 1

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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Yours,



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