



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-045

Date: 18th December 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21st April 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding framework

On the same day we contacted you via email as we require clarification on what you mean by critical banded nursing?

You replied via email with:

'I can confirm as requested that critical banded nurses is inclusive of Critical care, ED and specialty registered nurses at band 5'

As of 1st 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 Please answer all questions with the relevant data for the month of March 2023 (1st to the 31st March) for your nursing – inclusive of Adult, Mental Health, Critical, Community and District where applicable for both frameworks and off frameworks Agencies.

Information requested :

1. The total number and spend of nursing shifts sent to agencies to fill (frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately

A1 Nursing shifts sent to agency 2078

Q2 The total number and spend of nursing shifts filled by agencies (frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately

A2 Nursing shifts filled by agency 972

Q3 The total number and spend of critical banded nursing shifts sent to agencies to fill. (frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately

A3 See below:

1003 shifts to Framework
0 Off Framework

- Q4 The total number and spend of critical banded nursing shifts filled by agencies. (frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately**
- A4 572 Framework filled in same month
- Q5 The total number and spend of 'breaches' for filling a shift with agency nurses (Registered Nurses) not within the NHSI capped charge rates.**
- A5 567 Nursing and Theatre shifts breached Caps
- Q6 Please provide a list of all frameworks agencies that are currently 'breaching' 'breaches' when filling a shift with agency nurses (Registered Nurses) not within the NHSI capped charge rates.**
- A6 We operate via a master vend agreement with Day Webster
- Q7 Please provide a list of all frameworks agencies which supply the trust with nursing staff.**
- A7 We operate via a master vend with Day Webster
- Q8 Please provide a list of off framework agencies which have supplied (from 1st January 2023 to 31st March 2023) into the trust with nursing staff across all sites.**
- A8 No Off framework for nursing
- Q9 From 1st March 2023 to 31st March 2023, please list the wards/ departments you have requested shifts for off framework agencies**
- A9 No Off framework for nursing

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

UHNM NHS Trust is a public sector body and governed by EU law. FOI requestors should note that any new Trust requirements over the EU threshold will be subject to these regulations and will be advertised for open competition accordingly.

Where the Trust owns the copyright in information provided, you may re-use the information in line with the conditions set out in the Open Government Licence v3 which is available at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>. Where information was created by third parties, you should contact them directly for permission to re-use the information.

An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



Rachel Montinaro
Data Security and Protection Manager - Records