

Information Governance

Our Ref: RFI 58514

Dear Ms Fegan

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Nursing Staff**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 9 May 2024.

A response to the question raised has been provided by the Finance & Estates Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. I would be grateful if you could provide details about agency spend for the supply of nursing staff in the Trust since 1st May 2023. A list of agencies (for both on and off framework) and the total spend for each agency from 1st May 2023 – Date.

A1. Please see Table 1 for Off Contract nursing agency spend and Table 2 for On Contract nursing agency spend. Please be advised that the figures provided relate to qualified nursing staff (Band 5 and above).

Please note the information is provided up to 31 March 2024 as this is most up to date information at present.

Table 1

Off Contract – 1 May 2023 to 31 March 2024	
Agencies	Spend
Anns Nursing Care	£713
Balmoral Healthcare Recruitment	£1,065,240
Bond Search and Selection	£210,520
Connected Health Limited	£308
Jark Belfast Limited	£1,848
Kennedy Recruitment	£931
Lucas Love Healthcare Ltd	£170
Lynda Jacobs Recruitment Ltd	£14,553
Next Step Nursing Ltd	£982
Nursing & Caring Direct	£168
The Scottish Nursing Guild	£315,430

Table 2

On Contract – 1 May 2023 to 31 March 2024	
Agencies	Spend
Allied and Clinical Recruitments	£79,262
Axis Nursing Agency	£674,636
BFS healthcare Ltd	£379,304
Carrick Care Ltd	£896
Direct Medics Limited	£1,921,295
First Choice Selection Services	£44,481
Frontline Recruitment Group Ltd	£1,339,955
Knockdene Healthcare	£1,992
MBands Ltd TA MB&S Healthcare	£224
Medlocums recruitment Limited	£511,203
NC Healthcare Limited	£1,595,506
Peninsula Care Services NI Ltd	£109,367
Plan B Healthcare	£2,372
Pulsecare Agency T/A Oberon Agency	£1,344,629
Rutledge Recruitment Ltd	£2,357
The Placement Group T/A Just Nurses	£563,675
Total Talent Management	£281,273