



22 November 2024

**Our Ref:** FOI 289

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to On/Off Framework Agency Spend**

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 21 October 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to raised has been provided by the People & Organisation Development and 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](mailto: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

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**Rebecca Manning**  
Information Governance Officer

**Q1. In the period 1st July 2024 to 30th September 2024 please provide a breakdown of:**

- a. Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum nurses**
- b. Spend per band**
- c. Spend per agency name**

A1a,c. Please see Table 1 for the total Trust spend with framework agencies for Locum Nurses and spend by agency for the time period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Table 1

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Total Spend</b>
Allied and Clinical Recruitments	£77,885
Axis Nursing Agency	£358,008
BFS Healthcare Ltd	£169,756
Carrik Care Ltd	£1,707
Concept Care Solutions	£265
Direct Medics Limited	£572,550
First Choice Selection Services	£10,828
Frontline Recruitment Group Ltd	£454,508
Knockdene Healthcare	£16,115
Leadcare Nursing Agency Ltd	£938
Medlocums Recruitment Limited	£137,830
MPA Recruitment	£679
NC Healthcare Limited	£768,660
Penninsula Care Services NI Ltd	£99,634
Plan B Healthcare	£32,309
Pulsecare Agency T/A Oberon Agency	£198,339
Pure Healthcare Group Limited	£15,423
Red Group Personnel Ltd	£5,751
The Placement Group T/A Justnurses	£218,150
Total Talent Management	£64,366
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,203,701</b>

A1b. Please see Table 2 for the total Trust spend with framework agencies for Locum Nurses broken down by band from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Table 2

<b>Band</b>	<b>Total Spend</b>
Band 5 Nurse	£3,166,438
Band 6 Nurse	£37,263
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,203,701</b>

**Q2. In the period 1st July 2024 to 30th September 2024 please provide a breakdown of:**

- a. Total trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nurses**
- b. Spend per band**
- c. Spend per agency name**

A2a,c. Please see Table 3 for the total Trust spend with off framework agencies for Locum Nurses and spend by agency for the time period 1st July 2024 to 30th September 2024.

Table 3

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Total Spend</b>
Balmoral Healthcare Recruitment	£58,362
Kingdom Healthcare	£44,349
Kingdom Healthcare Limited	£136,468
Marie Curie Cancer Care	£22,100
Nest Step Nursing Ltd	£383
<b>Total</b>	<b>£261,662</b>

A2b. Please see Table 4 for the total Trust spend with off framework agencies for Locum Nurses broken down by band from 1st July 2024 to 30th September 2024.

Table 4

<b>Band</b>	<b>Total Spend</b>
Band 5 Nurse	£203,300
Band 6 Nurse	£58,362
<b>Total</b>	<b>£261,662</b>

**Q3. In the period 1st July 2024 to 30th September 2024 please provide a breakdown of:**

- a. Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum nurses**
- b. Spend per band**
- c. Spend per agency name**

A3. Please see Table 5 for the total Trust spend on bank nurses from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, broken down by band. Please note that all bank shifts are filled by Trust staff only, no agency staff member's work a bank shifts.

Table 5

<b>Band</b>	<b>Total Spend</b>
Band 5	£2,074,618
Band 6	£750,803
Band 7	£265,404
Band 8	£34,852
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,125,676</b>

**Q4. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during this period (1st July 2024 to 30th September 2024)?**

A4. The total number of Nursing Shifts booked (Bank & Agency) from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 was 19,835 shifts.

**Q5. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period (1st July 2024 to 30th September 2024)**

A5. The National Health Service England (NHSE) Capped Rate is not applicable in Northern Ireland.