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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Agency Staff

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details														
1. The total amount spent on agency staff during the most recent full financial year available - Please state which financial years data has been provided.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>April 25 – March 26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medics</td> <td>£5,538,765.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nursing</td> <td>£961,284.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Midwifery</td> <td>£616,761.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Clinical (AHP/HSS etc)</td> <td>£1,895,228.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Medical, Non Clinical</td> <td>£0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£9,012,038.00</td> </tr> </table>		April 25 – March 26	Medics	£5,538,765.00	Nursing	£961,284.00	Midwifery	£616,761.00	Other Clinical (AHP/HSS etc)	£1,895,228.00	Non-Medical, Non Clinical	£0.00	Total	£9,012,038.00	Unknown		
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2. A breakdown of that spend by staff group, if held, for example: * medical * nursing * allied health professionals * non-clinical																		
3. The names of the agencies or framework providers through which this spend was made, if held.	All supply made through the NHS Workforce Alliance Framework Agreement RM6281.	Yes	Section 43	Whilst the Trust holds the further breakdown of information, by agency name, as requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.														

				<p>In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.</p> <p>We have concluded providing the information could cause harm to the Trust as this could distort the marketplace and therefore, result in the Trust not obtaining best value for money.</p> <p>In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.</p>
4. The total number of agency shifts filled during that period, if recorded.	Recorded in Hours – 137,682			

5. Copies of any current internal policy, guidance, or procedural documents relating to the approval or control of agency staff usage.	All internal policies, guidance and procedural documents are aligned to the NHS England Agency Rules which are publicly available via the link below. https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/agency-rules/			
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

If you would like this letter or information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call us on 01623 672232 or email sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net.

Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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