

FOI_1708_2024-25 – FOI Request concerning NHS Agency Rules

Please be advised that the information you have requested has been identified as one of our Frequently Asked Questions areas and as such we publish this information annually. The Information we have available for the last financial year is available at (<https://www.solent.nhs.uk/our-story/publication-scheme/fois-released/>) and therefore exempt under S21 - Information already available. We will be publishing this financial year's data in May/June 2024 and therefore this data is exempt under S22 of the FOI Act 2000 - Intended for future publication.

1. **Top 10 Nurse Agencies by Spend:**
 - a) Please provide a list of your top 10 nurse agencies by spend for the months of March, April, and May 2024.
 - b) For each agency, specify whether they are on-framework or off-framework.
 - c) Provide this information separately for "Band 2 HCAs" and "all other Nursing & Midwifery roles".
2. **On-Framework vs Off-Framework Spend:**
 - a) Provide the total spend for the months of March, April, and May 2024
 - b) Break down the spend into on-framework and off-framework categories.
 - c) Provide this information separately for "Band 2 HCAs" and "all other Nursing & Midwifery roles".
3. **Compliance with NHS England Rate Caps:**
 - a) Specify the number of agency shifts in May 2024 that were compliant with NHS England Rate Caps.
 - b) Provide this information separately for "Band 2 HCAs" and "all other Nursing & Midwifery roles".
4. **Compliance with Agency Spend Ceiling:**
 - a) Total agency spend (all staff groups, including Nursing & Midwifery (and HCAs), Medical and Dental, Non-Medical Non-Clinical, and any others) between 1st January and 31st May 2024.
 - b) What does this figure represent as a percentage of the Trust's total pay bill for the same period.