

Ref. No: 0559
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Subject: Agency Usage

REQUEST

1. From 1st November 2023 until 31st December 2023 how many shifts has your Trust or Health Board utilised Thornbury Nursing services for?
2. Within this same time frame (01/11/2023 – 31/12/2023) please list all wards or departments that utilised this agency and display the number of shifts in each.
3. Within this same time frame (01/11/2023 – 31/12/2023) please list all other off-contract agencies utilised by the Trust or Health Board for nursing and break down a list of each ward or department and total number of shifts for each off-contract agency.
4. Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5, day charge rate of over £50 per hour that have been booked for the Trust or Health Board in this time period (01/11/2023 – 31/12/2023).
5. Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5, night charge above £60 per hour that have been booked for the Trust or Health Board in this time period (01/11/2023 – 31/12/2023).
6. Please list any suppliers with a critical day rate charge (Band 5 or 6) ITU / A&E / Theatre or any other Speciality above the rate of £60 per hour that have been utilised in this time period.
7. Please list any suppliers with a critical night rate charge (Band 5 or 6) ITU / A&E / Theatre or any other Speciality above the rate of £70 per hour that have been utilised in this time period.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

- 1. From 1st November 2023 until 31st December 2023 how many shifts has your Trust or Health Board utilised Thornbury Nursing services for?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

0 shifts

Southport and Ormskirk:

23 shifts

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St Helens and Knowsley:

N/A

Southport and Ormskirk:

All shifts were requested as allocate on arrival and distributed to wards at point of arrival.

Department	No. Shifts
A&E Department	6
Ward 1	<5
Ward 7A	<5
Ward 9A	<5
Ward 9B	<5
Ward 10A	<5
Ward 11A	<5
Ward 11B	<5
Ward 14A	<5
Ward 14B	<5
Ward 15 A	<5

Section 40: personal information

We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-

identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances Section 40(2) and Section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle which states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure, and in such circumstances, Section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.

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St Helens and Knowsley:

Health Work and Well-Being, 37 shifts.

Southport and Ormskirk:

None

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