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Subject: Nursing and HCA agencies

REQUEST

I am writing to formally request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Specifically, I would like to request the following details from your department:

1. The total Trust expenditure on framework agencies for the provision of Registered General Nurses, Registered Mental Health Nurses, and Health Care Assistants from 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024.
2. The total Trust expenditure on off-framework agencies for the provision of Registered General Nurses, Registered Mental Health Nurses, and Health Care Assistants for the same period.
3. The total Trust expenditure through the internal Trust bank from 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024.
4. The total number of Nursing and Health Care Assistant shifts booked during this period.
5. The total number of Nursing and Health Care Assistant shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period.
6. The number of agencies currently assigned to tier 1, tier 2, and tier 3 under Lot 1.

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. The total Trust expenditure on framework agencies for the provision of Registered General Nurses, Registered Mental Health Nurses, and Health Care Assistants from 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024.

	Registered	Unregistered	Registered	Unregistered
	Bank	Bank	Agency	Agency
Jan-24	1,188,745	1,084,816	514,797	340,624
Feb-24	1,090,833	1,044,355	890,570	386,136
Mar-24	1,271,069	1,241,272	813,534	339,516
Apr-24	922,822	900,001	551,903	311,489
May-24	965,878	909,353	624,262	361,274
Jun-24	979,543	1,045,718	844,502	366,184

2. The total Trust expenditure on off-framework agencies for the provision of Registered General Nurses, Registered Mental Health Nurses, and Health Care Assistants for the same period.

Sum of Amount (£)	Subjective name	Total		
Subjective code				
5246	Bank Nurse : Qualified	£3,802,597.38	Registered Bank Nurse	£6,415,024.91
5247	Bank nurse band 9	£13,481.43	Unregistered Bank Nurse	£6,225,514.81
5248	Bank nurse band 8	£112,273.00	Unregistered Agency Nurse	£2,105,221.91
5249	Bank nurse band 7	£130,396.98	Registered Agency Nurse	£4,232,230.75
5250	Bank nurse band 6	£267,631.46	Grand Total	£18,977,992.38
5251	Bank nurse band 5	£2,088,644.66		
5252	Bank nurse band 4	£15,295.02		
5253	Bank nurse band 3	£79,414.58		
5254	Bank nurse band 2	£1,387,689.46		
5284	Bank Nurse : Unqualified	£4,743,115.75		
5812	Agency Nursing: Band 2	£2,104,998.22		
5813	Agency Nursing: Band 3	£223.69		
5815	Agency Nursing: Band 5	£4,126,749.35		
5816	Agency Nursing: Band 6	£22,466.75		
5817	Agency Nursing: Band 7	£83,014.65		
5818	Agency Nursing: Band 8	£0.00		
Grand Total		£18,977,992.38		

3. The total Trust expenditure through the internal Trust bank from 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024.

Row Labels	Sum of Amount (£)		
JAN-24	£799,875.45	Internal Trust Bank	£5,349,999.04
FEB-24	£895,411.95		
MAR-24	£1,228,284.67		
APR-24	£694,648.23		
MAY-24	£719,858.71		
JUN-24	£1,011,920.03		
Grand Total	£5,349,999.04		

4. The total number of Nursing and Health Care Assistant shifts booked during this period.

Legacy STHK

Nursing – 15113 and HCA – 27335 (both are for **all** Booked shifts, i.e. Bank & Agency)

Legacy S&O

19,734

5. The total number of Nursing and Health Care Assistant shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period.

Legacy STHK

Nursing- 4001, HCA - Zero -all within cap.

Legacy S&O

67 above cap shifts in this period

6. The number of agencies currently assigned to tier 1, tier 2, and tier 3 under Lot 1.

Legacy STHK

Tier	Number of Agencies (Nursing Lot 1)
1	25
2	2
3	4

Legacy S&O

There are 11 agencies on 1 tier.