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Dear ,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240828. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding this request. In this instance, the Trust has not responded to your request within the required 20 days, and for this I apologise.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

**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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

The total Trust expenditure on framework agencies for the provision of Registered General Nurses, Registered Mental Health Nurses, and Health Care Assistants from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was £949,937. This was made up of £58,438 for Registered Mental Health Nurses and £891,499 for Health Care Assistants.

Note: we classify those providing clinical advice as clinical advisors as Healthcare Assistants, these may include registered nurses, but are not fulfilling a specific role (e.g., as a Mental Health Practitioner) in our 999 and 111 call centres.

**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.**

The total Trust expenditure on off-framework agencies for the provision of Registered General Nurses, Registered Mental Health Nurses, and Health Care Assistants from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was £0.

**3 The total Trust expenditure through the internal Trust bank from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

**Finance**

The total Trust expenditure through the internal Trust bank from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was £1,542,570

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

The total number of Nursing and Health Care Assistant shifts booked from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was 4,531. This was made up of 125 Nursing shifts and 4,406 Health Care Assistant shifts.

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

All the agencies assigned under lot 1 for framework agreement RM6161 (that expires 11 October 2024) can be found at the following website, (<https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6161:1/lot-suppliers>), there are 283 suppliers on this lot. Framework agreement RM6281 commenced on 15 May 2024, for three years, with an option to extend for a further one year (<https://workforcealliance.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/User-Guide-RM6281-Workforce-Alliance-Clinical-and-Healthcare-Staffing-Framework-FINAL.pdf>) Supplier list for framework RM6281 can be found here <https://workforcealliance.nhs.uk/clinical-and-healthcare-staffing-rm6281-expires-4-may-27/>) and contains 340 current suppliers under Tier 1, 2 and 3 (371 for all lots). Of these 340 suppliers the Trust currently uses the following agencies:

Connaught Resourcing

Hallam Medical Limited

Hays Healthcare Limited

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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