

Date: 20/05/2024

Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 231006.

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

I am writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the following:

How much have you spent on agency staff in each of the last five years?

The amount spent on agency staff in the last five years was:

Financial Year:	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Agency Staff spend	£3,882,000	£3,792,000	£1,784,000	£2,881,000	£4,733,000

What was the most expensive agency shift last year? And for what group of staff?

As the amount of staff is less than 10 we are unable to provide the exact number as it may be identifiable to individuals.

Which agency staff group have you spent the most money on in the last year?

The agency group that we have spent the most money on last year was NHS infrastructure support for £3,726,000.

NHS Infrastructure Support; The Trust identifies those roles in accordance to the occupational codes as classified by NHS Digital <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/areas-of-interest/workforce/nhs-occupation-codes>

These roles include Call Handlers / Advisors in 111 and corporate back office/clerical roles.

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

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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