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Dear ,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

FOI Request

You asked us:

For the 6-month period ending 30th June 2025, can you please provide:

1. Total Framework Agency Spend for the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

2. Total Off Framework Agency Spend for the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

3. Total hours filled by Framework Agencies for the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers



4. Total hours filled by Off Framework Agencies for the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

5. A list of all Framework Agencies utilised by the Trust for the below specialties and total number of shifts for each framework agency:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

6. A list of all Off Framework Agencies utilised by the Trust for the below specialties and total number of shifts for each Off Framework agency:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

7. The highest Framework Agency Charge Rate within your Trust for each of the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

8. The highest Off Framework Agency Charge Rate within your Trust for each of the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers



9. A list of any agency (Framework and Off Framework) that have ongoing block booking arrangements for the below specialties within your Trust within the identified time frame (01.01.2025 - 30.06.2025):

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds the information you have requested.

The Trust is an Ambulance Trust and therefore does not have nurse specialities.

The Trust, however, does employ registered nurses (including dental nurses) as part of our clinical advisor workforce that deliver telephone triage and advice as part of the Trust's 999 and 111 service.

Clinical advisors include registered nurses, pharmacists, paramedics etc. as part of a multidisciplinary team.

The Trust is unable to identify those agency staff that are specifically registered nurses, however the response below gives the totals for clinical advisors for the 6-month period ending 30th June 2025.

1. Total Framework Agency Spend for the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

The total framework agency spend was £1,503,356.

2. Total Off Framework Agency Spend for the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers



The Trust does not have any off-framework agency spend.

3. Total hours filled by Framework Agencies for the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

The total number of hours filled by framework agencies was 34,792.

4. Total hours filled by Off Framework Agencies for the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

The Trust does not have any hours filled by off-framework agencies.

5. A list of all Framework Agencies utilised by the Trust for the below specialties and total number of shifts for each framework agency:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
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The list of framework agencies and the total number of shifts by each was:

Connaught Resourcing Ltd - 1,605 Shifts
Hallam Medical Ltd - 1,446 Shifts
Hays Specialist Recruitment Ltd - 1,547 Shifts
Medical Resource Partners Ltd - 24 Shifts
Merco Medical Staffing Ltd - 1,376 Shifts
Reed Specialist Recruitment Ltd - 45 Shifts

6. A list of all Off Framework Agencies utilised by the Trust for the below specialties and total number of shifts for each Off Framework agency:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses



- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

Not applicable, the Trust does not have any hours filled by off-framework agencies.

7. The highest Framework Agency Charge Rate within your Trust for each of the below specialties:

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

The highest framework agency charge rate was £52.87.

8. The highest Off Framework Agency Charge Rate within your Trust for each of the below specialties:

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- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
- Social Workers

Not applicable, the Trust does not have any hours filled by off-framework agencies.

9. A list of any agency (Framework and Off Framework) that have ongoing block booking arrangements for the below specialties within your Trust within the identified time frame (01.01.2025 - 30.06.2025):

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Nurse Assessors
- Health Visitors
- Dental Nurses
- Chemotherapy Nurses
- Paediatric Nurses
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The agencies used to provide clinical advisors were

Connaught Resourcing Ltd
Hallam Medical Ltd
Hays Specialist Recruitment Ltd
Medical Resource Partners Ltd
Merco Medical Staffing Ltd
Reed Specialist Recruitment Ltd



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The value quoted is for the 6 months January to June 2025.
Here is a breakdown.

Row Labels	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Grand Total
111 Clinical	1,407	2,246	(5,283)	0	136,529	121,302	256,201
111 Non-Clinical	76,824	120,773	118,635	101,647			417,879
999 Clinical	130,402	112,919	119,494	25,503	126,448	(54,508)	460,256
IC Leadership 111	134,291	64,994	49,351	96,058	67,700	19,964	432,358
IC Leadership 999	(30,716)	(47,136)	0	0	0	14,514	(63,338)
Grand Total	312,208	253,7G6	282,1G7	223,208	330,676	101,271	1,503,356

Next steps

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.

We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](#) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



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