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Belfast Trust Use of Off Framework Agencies – Nursing 27/01/2021 to 01/02/2022

Please can I have the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2005?

- 1. What is the total Agency “Off Frame” spend from 27/01/2021 to date (01/02/22) with your Trust?**

Expenditure is collated and reported on a monthly basis. There has been expenditure of £36.4m for off-framework Nurse Agency for February 2021 – January 2022 inclusive.

- 2. The Names of the “Off Framework” agencies supplying to your Trust?**

The non-framework nursing agencies who supply nurses to Belfast Health and Social Care Trust are listed below.

Alpha 24 Recruitment
Anns Nursing care
Axis Agency
Balmoral Healthcare
Bond Recruitment
Direct Healthcare 24
Direct Medics
Donard Healthcare
Just Nurses
Lucas Love Healthcare
Majestik
Mayday
Medlocums
Red Group Personnel
Scottish Nursing Guild
SOS Medical
TTM Healthcare

Please note that the use of non-framework agencies is strictly controlled and every effort is made to backfill vacant shifts with our own staff working overtime, our nurse bank employees and our contracted agency staff.

Only when all other avenues of temporary workforce were exhausted was supply requested from the agencies listed above.

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3. Which area within nurses has the highest spend, e.g. RGN, Midwifery & A&E Nurses?

The specialties with the highest off-framework expenditure in the requested period are as follows:

- Adult, Social & Primary Care – Learning Disability Services - Registered Nurses (Learning Disability)
- Unscheduled & Acute Care – Critical Care Services - Registered Nurses (Adult)
- Unscheduled & Acute Care – Emergency Department & Emergency Care Village - Registered Nurses (Adult)
- Adult, Social & Primary Care – Psychiatry Acute, CAMHS and Recovery - Registered Nurses (Mental Health)
- Unscheduled & Acute – Medicine - Registered Nurses (Adult)