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## Belfast Trust Vacancies, Waiting Lists, Budgets, PFI Costs

1. Can each Trust detail the number of vacancies in their hospitals at 23/05/2022? Can this be broken down to show different categories, doctors, nurses, admin, specialist Doctors such as consultants?

Please find below vacancies as at 31/03/2022

Vacancies	Admin & Clerical	Ancillary & General	Medical & Dental	AHPs	Nurses	Social Services	Professional & Technical	Pharmacy	Total
	600	283	232	261	1331	357	83	36	3183

2. Over the past ten years (or period to fall within the cost limit), i.e. how long have patients waited for elective procedures? Can these be grouped to show different procedures and show the longest waits over past 10 years?

See response is separate Excel spreadsheet

3. Over past 10 years, what is the Trust's annual budget over recent years? How much to each hospital?

The Trusts annual income and expenditure can be found in its annual report and accounts, which are publicly available on our website – see link below. Note: budgets are not split by hospital but by speciality.

[belfast trust – annual report | Search Results | Belfast Health & Social Care Trust \(hscni.net\)](#)

4. Over past 10 years, what are the PFI costs for each hospital?

See table below question 6

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**5. Over past 10 years, how much of each hospital's budget is being spent on PFI?**

See table below question 6

**6. Over past 10 years, how much of the Trust's budget is being spent on agency workers/locum doctors?**

The answers to questions 4, 5 and 6 are set out in the table below:

	<b>PFI spend</b>	<b>% PFI spend</b>	<b>% agency spend</b>
	<b>£m</b>		
<b>2018/19</b>	16.4	1.13	4.28
<b>2019/20</b>	17	1.06	5.41
<b>2020/21</b>	17.6	0.98	5.28
<b>2021/22</b>	17.8	0.92	5.37

We are unable to provide this information for the past 10 years, as the Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more person spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.