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## Medical & Nursing Agency Statistics

For the financial years 2017/18 to 2022/23 to date:

1. Please can you state your Trust's total off-framework agency staff spend for healthcare staff in the financial years:

	Total Agency Expenditure (£m)
2017/18	10,252,247
2018/19	18,436,296
2019/20	35,902,155
2020/21	48,674,712
2021/22	53,842,935
2022/23 to date	54,661,528

2. Please provide a breakdown of this figure by the staffing agency used, providing the company name and the total spent with the agency in the year.

Information attached in separate Excel spreadsheet.

- 3(a) Please state how many healthcare staff shifts at your Trust were filled by agency staff in each of the following financial years:

Nursing:

Please note the information below is a combined total for shifts filled by both Framework and Non Framework agencies.

	Total Agency Filled Shifts Framework and Non Framework
2017/18	56,377
2018/19	81,853
2019/20	116,716
2020/21	109,540
2021/22	130,930
2022/23 to date	131,268

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This information is not held centrally by Belfast Trust and to provide it would take in excess of 18 hours work.

Belfast 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 persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

**3(b) For each year, please provide a breakdown of the number by the shifts covered by**

- i) On framework agency staff**
- ii) Off framework agency staff**

Nursing:

Belfast Trust reporting systems do not support the provision of information on the number of healthcare staff shifts filled by agency staff in the separate categories 'Framework Agencies' versus 'Non-Framework Agencies'.

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Medical:

As per 3(a), Belfast Trust is unable to provide this information as it considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit' defined by the Freedom of Information Act, under Section 12.