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Nursing and Care Usage – On Framework

- 1. Please can you confirm how many shifts have been released/allocated to ON framework Agencies within the last 60 days?**

Belfast Trust can confirm 31,204 shifts were released to ON framework agencies

- 2. In the last 60 days which wards, or departments were these ON framework requests for?**

Belfast Trust can confirm the following departments requested use of ON framework agency:

- Adult, Community & Older Peoples Services
- Anaesthetics, Critical Care, Theatres & Surgery
- Cancer & Specialist Services
- Child Health & Outpatients
- Children's Community Services
- Mental Health, Intellectual Disability Services
- Trauma, Orthopaedic, Rehabilitation Services & Sexual Health
- Unscheduled Care and Medical Specialties

- 3. Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by ON framework agencies within the last 60 days?**

Belfast Trust can confirm 22,003 shifts were released to ON framework agencies

- 4. How many long term lines of work or block bookings are currently being supplied by ON framework agencies?**

Belfast Trust are unable to provide the information you have requested as we do not explicitly utilise agency for block bookings or long term lines of work, the use of agencies is strictly controlled and every effort is made to backfill vacant shifts with our own staff working additional hours, overtime and our nurse bank employees.

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5. Which ON framework agencies is the trust currently utilising for Nursing vacancies and what is the spend on these agencies year to date?

Belfast Trust are unable to provide the information you have requested as we do not explicitly utilise agency solely for Vacancies, the use of agencies is strictly controlled, requesting supply from all of the agencies within the current framework.

Every effort is made to backfill vacant shifts with our own staff working additional hours, overtime and our nurse bank employees.

Agency Spend ON framework, April-September 2023 is £14.6M

6. What is the average charge for both RMN's and RGN's from ON framework agencies?

Belfast Trust can confirm the average charge for RMN's and RGN's Band 5 Staff Nurse, inclusive of unsocial hours is currently £42.48 ON Framework

7. Who at temporary staffing is responsible for onboarding new agencies and could you provide me with their contact details?

The Procurement and Logistics Service (PaLS) of the Business Services Organisation (BSO), is responsible for managing the procurement of the agency worker frameworks, on behalf of the HSC Trusts in Northern Ireland. It is PaLS responsibility to put in place Frameworks that will meet the needs of the client organisations, the HSC Trusts. Specific queries relating to the Nursing Framework can be directed to boucher.sourcing@hscni.net