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Nursing Agency Spend

- 1. Please confirm how many shifts were sent out for agencies to fill (per month), for Band 5 between Jan 24 – March 24 by discipline, i.e. General, A&E, ITU, paediatrics?**

Belfast Trust are unable to provide the information you have requested, as it is not currently captured in this way. However, we can confirm the total number of shifts sent out to agencies per month for all Band 5 Nursing Registrants (inclusive of General, A&E, ICU & Paediatrics) is:

| Agency | Total |
|--------|-------|
| Jan-24 | 5028 |
| Feb-24 | 5056 |
| Mar-24 | 5464 |

- 2. Please confirm how many of these shifts were filled by agencies per month for the same timespan as detailed in Q1. (Please can this be broken down per agency?)**

Belfast Trust are unable to provide the information you have requested, as it is not currently captured in this way. However, we can confirm the total number of shifts filled by agencies per month for all Band 5 Nursing Registrants (inclusive of General, A&E, ICU & Paediatrics) is:

| Agency | Total |
|--------|-------|
| Jan-24 | 4591 |
| Feb-24 | 4596 |
| Mar-24 | 5102 |

- 3. Please confirm how many hours throughout the timescale detailed in Q1 were filled by off-framework agencies? Can this also be broken down per month?**

Please see below the hours filled by agencies, broken down per month.

Please see Appendix A, this provides the list of agencies utilised, including off-framework agencies, we can only provide the hours totals for each month.

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To provide the off-framework agency hours per month would be commercially sensitive.

Exemption 43 Commercial Interests

Section 43(2) states that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

In accordance with the FOI Act 2000 we cannot fulfill this part of your request under Section 43 Commercial Interest. The arguments to maintain this exemption outweigh the arguments for disclosure. Its disclosure would be prejudicial to the commercial interest of the agency providers.

| Agency | Total Hrs |
|--------|-----------|
| Jan-24 | 43,632 |
| Feb-24 | 46,530 |
| Mar-24 | 48,083 |

Appendix A.

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| Frontline Recruitment Group Ltd. |
| Axis Nursing Agency Ltd. |
| Direct Healthcare |
| Direct Medics Ltd. |
| The Placement Group Ltd. T/A Just Nurses |
| Pulsecare T/A Oberon Agency |
| Medlocums Recruitment Ltd. |
| N.C Healthcare Ltd. |
| MPA Recruitment Ltd. |
| TTM Healthcare Ltd. |
| Allied & Clinical Recruitment Limited |
| BFS Healthcare Ltd. |
| Red Group Personnel Ltd. |
| Leadcare Nursing Agency Ltd. |
| First Choice Selection Services Ltd. |
| Pure Healthcare Group Ltd. |
| Carrik Care Ltd. |

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Peninsula Care Services (NI) Ltd.

4. Between Jan 24 – March 24, what was the trust spend per month, for each agency supplier?

We can only provide the totals overall for each month and the total spend for each agency.

To provide the agency spend per month would be commercially sensitive. To give this level of detail would identify payment structures.

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Q4. B5 Nurse Agency Expenditure by Supplier Jan-Mar '24

| Customer/Supplier Name | 2023/24 | | | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|---------|----|----|-----------|
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| ALLIED AND CLINICAL RECRUITMENTS | | | | 27,478 |
| APPLE RECRUITMENT SERVICES | | | | 331 |
| AXIS NURSING AGENCY | | | | 457,038 |
| BALMORAL HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT | | | | 4,973 |
| BARRY M WHELAN RECRUITMENT LTD | | | | 19,373 |
| BFS HEALTHCARE LTD | | | | 154,074 |
| BOND SEARCH AND SELECTION | | | | 30,030 |
| BROOK STREET UK LIMITED | | | | 72,664 |
| CARRIK CARE LTD | | | | 507 |
| COYLE PERSONNEL PLC | | | | 22,524 |
| DIRECT HEALTHCARE 24 LTD | | | | 2,414,442 |
| DIRECT MEDICS LIMITED | | | | 2,817,614 |
| DONARD RECRUITMENT | | | | 17,970 |

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| FIRST CHOICE SELECTION SERVICES | 10,151 |
| FRONTLINE RECRUITMENT GROUP LTD | 703,377 |
| JARK BELFAST LIMITED | 26,474 |
| KINGDOMHEALTHCARE TRAINING&STAFFING SOLUTIONS | 65,296 |
| KNOCKDENE HEALTHCARE | 250 |
| LABMED | - |
| LEADCARE NURSING AGENCY LTD | 911 |
| LUCAS LOVE HEALTHCARE LTD | 1,732 |
| MARYLAND HEALTHCARE | 10,906 |
| MAYDAY HEALTHCARE PLC | 29,346 |
| MEDICIRCLE | - |
| MEDLOCUMS RECRUITMENT LIMITED | 1,375 |
| MPA RECRUITMENT | 120,944 |
| NARRA CARE SERVICES | 469,354 |
| NC HEALTHCARE LIMITED | 2,180 |
| NEXT STEP NURSING LTD | 10,615 |
| NORTH WEST CARE & SUPPORT | 387,384 |
| PLAN B HEALTHCARE | 3,182 |
| PROVIDENT HEALTHCARE NI LTD | 1,502 |
| PULSECARE AGENCY T/A OBERON AGENCY | 70,983 |
| PURE HEALTHCARE GROUP LIMITED | 2,612 |
| R&B DIRECT HEALTHCARE LTD | 253,826 |
| RANDSTAD CARE LIMITED | 64,202 |
| RED GROUP PERSONNEL LTD | 6,326 |
| RUTLEDGE RECRUITMENT LTD | 4,581 |
| THE PLACEMENT GROUP T/A JUSTNURSES | 72,172 |
| THE SCOTTISH NURSING GUILD | 36,804 |
| TOTAL TALENT MANAGEMENT | 1,108,369 |
| Grand Total | 3,591,523 |