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## **Spend on Locum and Bank Nursing Staff**

**In the period 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024, please provide a breakdown of total Trust spend with framework agencies for locum nurses**

**Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:**

- **Spend per band**
- **Spend per agency name**

Please see response in separate Excel spreadsheet.

**In the period 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024 please provide a breakdown of total Trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nurses**

**Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:**

- **Spend per band**
- **Spend per agency name**

Since the establishment of the new framework for the supply of agency nurses, midwives and healthcare support workers for Health and Social Care Northern Ireland, all Trusts have made important progress in virtually eliminating the use of off framework nurses, midwives and healthcare support workers.

Specific and separate contractual arrangements are in place in respect of Learning Disability Services in Belfast Trust.

**In the period 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024 please provide a breakdown of total Trust spend with the internal Trust Bank or associated external provider for locum nurses**

**Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:**

- **Spend per band**
- **Spend per agency name**

Please see response in separate Excel spreadsheet.

**Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during this period (1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024)**

Belfast Trust can confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during the period 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024 was 81,632 shifts. This is inclusive of Registrant and Non-Registrant Nursing backfill.

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**Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period (1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024)**

Agency Nurses and Midwives required by the Belfast Trust are provided through an Agency Framework, which was tendered and put in place by the Procurement and Logistics Service on behalf of the Health and Social Care Trusts. This Framework has its own contracted rates, which are not the same as NHSE rates.

The question of breaching NHSE rates therefore does not apply.