

25 June 2025

Agency Spend

1. In the period 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 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 specialty
Spend per agency name*

See attached excel document

2. In the period 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

Total trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nurses

See attached excel document

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

*Spend per band
Spend per specialty
Spend per agency name*

See attached excel document

4. In the period 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 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 specialty
Spend per agency name*

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See attached excel document

5. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during this period for all agency nursing only, no bank staff nursing to be included (1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025)

A total of 40,315 nursing shifts were booked during the period 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025, this is inclusive of registrant and non-registrant nursing roles. The breakdown of shifts monthly is:

January 2025	- 13653
February 2025	- 12573
March 2025	- 14,089

6. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period for all agency nursing only, no bank staff nursing to be included (1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025)

Agency nursing required by Belfast Trust are provided through an Agency framework, which was tendered and put in place by the procurement and logistics service on behalf of Health & 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.