

28 January 2026

FOI Request for Nursing spend/shifts booked and framework

(i) In the period 1st October 2025 to 31st December 2025 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 specialty**
- **Spend per agency name**

Please refer to:

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(ii) In the period 1st October 2025 to 31st December 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

- **Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum nurses**

Please refer to:

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(iii) Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

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

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Question 1: 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 October 2025 to 31st December 2025)

Belfast Trust can confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during the period for agency was 36,592 shifts. This is inclusive of Registrant and Non-Registrant Agency Nursing backfill.

Question 2: 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 October 2025 to 31st December 2025)

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 HSC 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.

Question 3: Please confirm the framework you utilise for nursing agency staff.

Framework 3063890 Nursing and Healthcare Support Workers.