

22 July 2026

Trust spend with framework and off framework agencies for locum nurses

Please can you provide the below information:

- 1. In the period 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 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**

Please see response attached

- 2. In the period 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 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 see response attached

- 3. In the period 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 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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- 4. 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 April 2026 to 30th June)**

Month	Total Agency Filled Shifts
April 2026	8805
May 2026	8526
June 2026	7633
Total	24,964

- 5. 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 April 2026 to 30th June 2026)**

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.

- 6. Please confirm the framework you utilise for nursing agency staff.**

Framework 3063890 Agency Workers – Nurses and Healthcare Support Workers.