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## **Nursing Agency Information 01/07/22 to 30/09/22: SNG and Icare**

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the Trust:**

- 1. From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022, how many shifts has your Trust/Health Board used Scottish Nursing Guild (SNG) for?**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust utilised Scottish Nursing Guild for 839 shifts during the period 1st July 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

- 2. Within this timeframe, please list the number of shifts by ward or department that SNG was utilised in.**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust utilised Scottish Nursing Guild across 57 wards or departments for the purpose of filling 839 shifts.

- 3. From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022, how many shifts has your Health Board/Trust utilised Icare 24 in?**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust did not utilise Icare 24 for Nursing or Midwifery shifts during the period 1st July 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

- 4. Within this same time frame, please list all wards or departments that utilised this agency**

This is not applicable to Belfast Trust. The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust did not utilise Icare 24 within any of its ward or departments.

- 5. Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 day charge rate of over £55 per hour that have been booked for the Trust in this time period (1/7/22 - 30/9/22)**

We would not be able to provide a list of agency/agencies charge rates, as this is deemed confidential commercial information. In accordance with the Freedom of Information 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. Disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the commercial interest of the providers.

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**6. Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 night charge above £65 per hour that have been booked for the Trust in this time period (1/7/22 - 30/9/22)**

We would not be able to provide a list of agency/agencies charge rates as this is deemed confidential commercial information. In accordance with the Freedom of Information 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. Disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the commercial interest of the providers.

**7. Please list any suppliers with a critical day rate charge (Band 5 or 6) ITU/A&E above the rate of £80 per hour.**

We would not be able to provide a list of agency/agencies charge rates as this is deemed confidential commercial information. In accordance with the Freedom of Information 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. Disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the commercial interest of the providers.