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Use of Off Framework Agencies – Nursing 01.01.2022 to Present (31.03.2023)

Please can you & your department provide us with the information to the questions shown below:

1. What is the Agency spend for “Off Framework” from 01.01.2022 to Present (31.03.23) for your Trust?

Expenditure is collated and reported on a monthly basis. There has been expenditure of £68.1m for Off-Framework Nurse Agency for 01.01.2022 – 31.03.2023 inclusive.

2. What are the Names of the “Off Framework” agencies supplying to your Trust?

The non-framework nursing agencies who supply Nurses to Belfast Health and Social Care Trust are listed below.

Anns Nursing care
Axis Agency
Balmoral Healthcare
Bond Recruitment
Direct Healthcare 24
Direct Medics
Donard Healthcare
Just Nurses
Lucas Love Healthcare
Mayday
Medlocums
Red Group Personnel
Scottish Nursing Guild
SOS Medical
TTM Healthcare

Please note that the use of non-framework agencies is strictly controlled and every effort is made to backfill vacant shifts with our own staff working overtime, our nurse bank employees and our framework agency staff.

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Only when all other avenues of temporary workforce were exhausted was supply requested from the agencies listed above.

3. Which areas in “Off Framework” has the highest expenditure e.g. RGN, Midwife, & A&E including any other Nursing specialties?

The specialties with the highest off-framework expenditure are as follows:

- Critical Care - Registered Nurse (Adult)
- Urgent & Emergency Care Department - Registered Nurses (Adult)
- Mental Health Acute Services - Registered Nurses (Mental Health)
- Learning Disability Services - Registered Nurse (Learning Disability)
- Medical Specialties - Registered Nurse (Adult)