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AGENCY AND BANK NURSES – PAYMENT DURING PANDEMIC AND AFTER LOCKDOWN

I would like to request the following in relation to both Agency and Bank nurses:

Please outline how much the Trust paid to both Agency and Bank nurses both in total and hourly during the pandemic emergency, and since the ending of lockdown restrictions up to June 2023.

The Trust has paid £248.5m in registered and unregistered nursing bank and agency from 1/4/20-30/6/23

The hourly rate information is not centrally captured in this way. Hourly rates differ greatly. For bank staff they are paid in line with Agenda for Change Terms and Conditions. For agency staff rates differ depending on if the agency is on contract or not, which agency is being used, time and day of shift.

To undertake this exercise would necessitate a manual interrogation of data which would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this (element of the) request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.