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Nursing shifts and Tier 1 and Tier 2 agencies shifts relating to Band 5's

1. Please specify how many shifts were sent out within this trust in the months of November & December

Please see table below for the requested Agency Shifts November & December 2024

| Month | Agency Requests |
|----------|-----------------|
| November | 15112 |
| December | 15465 |

2. Please specify how many agency shifts for Band 5s went unfilled, specifying which areas these shifts went unfilled within this trust in the months of November & December?

Please see table below for the Unfilled Band 5 Agency Shifts November & December 2024

| Month | Agency Unfilled Band 5 Shifts |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| November | 427 |
| December | 653 |

3. Please list the breakdown of Band 5 shifts filled by tier 1 and tier 2 agencies, specifying each agency and which areas these shifts were filled within the last 3 months?

Belfast Trust can confirm the total number of Band 5 agency shifts filled within the last three month period was, 12,398. The breakdown of this total is 8721 shifts filled by Tier 1 and 3677 shifts filled by Tier 2.

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The list of supplying agencies and the areas these include are detailed below.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tier 1 Agencies Supplying | Tier 2 Agencies Supplying | Division |
| AXIS | Allied and Clinical | Adult, Comm & Older People |
| Direct Medics | BFS Health | ACCTSS |
| Frontline Recruitment | Concept Care Solutions | Child Health |
| Leadcare | Just Nurses | Unscheduled Care |
| Medlocums | Knockdene | Learning Disability |
| MPA | Medicircle | Mat, Dent, ENT & Sexual Health |
| Plan B Healthcare | NC Healthcare | Mental Health |
| Red Group | Peninsula Care Services | Division of Surgery |
| TTM Healthcare | Pure Health | Division of Cancer & Spec Services |
| | Vivid Healthcare | Trauma, Ortho & Rehab Services |
| | | Medical Specialities |

Belfast Trust are unable to provide the breakdown per agency.

Exemption 43 Commercial Interests

Section 43(2) states that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

In accordance with the FOI 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. Its disclosure would be prejudicial to the commercial interest of the agency providers.