

Dear

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AGENCY NURSING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to agency nursing within NHS Lothian

#### Question:

1. From 1st January 2024 to 1st March 2024 how many shifts has your Trust/Health Board used Scottish Nursing Guild (SNG) for?
2. Within this timeframe please list the number of shifts by ward or department that SNG was utilised in.
3. From 1st January 2024 to 1st March 2024 how many shifts has your Health
4. Board/Trust utilised Icare 24 in?
5. Within this same time frame please list all wards or departments that utilised this agency.
6. 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 (01/01/2024- 01/03/2024)
7. Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 night charge above £65 per hour
8. that have been booked for the Trust in this time period (01/01/2024- 01/03/2024)
9. Please list any suppliers with a critical day rate charge (Band 5 or 6) ITU/A&E above the rate of £80 per hour

#### Answer:

|    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 1. | None                     |
| 2. | Not Applicable           |
| 3. | 169                      |
| 4. | See table enclosed below |
| 5. | Not Applicable           |
| 6. | Not Applicable           |
| 7. | Not Applicable           |

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain

dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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**Executive Director, Nursing, Midwifery and AHPs**  
Cc: Chief Executive  
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| DN ML Complex Care              | 7  |
| RIE Accident Emergency          | 11 |
| RIE AMU                         | 4  |
| RIE Day Surgery Unit            | 8  |
| RIE Interface OPD 5             | 1  |
| RIE Medical Day Case Unit       | 1  |
| RIE Surgical Observation Ward   | 1  |
| RIE Ward 101                    | 2  |
| RIE Ward 103                    | 1  |
| RIE Ward 104                    | 7  |
| RIE Ward 105                    | 3  |
| RIE Ward 108                    | 3  |
| RIE Ward 109                    | 4  |
| RIE Ward 112                    | 1  |
| RIE Ward 116 & 118              | 7  |
| RIE Ward 130 (DCN)              | 2  |
| RIE Ward 201                    | 1  |
| RIE Ward 202                    | 3  |
| RIE Ward 204                    | 3  |
| RIE Ward 205                    | 2  |
| RIE Ward 207                    | 9  |
| RIE Ward 208                    | 7  |
| RIE Ward 209                    | 2  |
| RIE Ward 220                    | 5  |
| RIE Ward 230 (DCN)              | 1  |
| St J MAU/CCU                    | 5  |
| St J Stroke Unit                | 1  |
| St J Ward 08                    | 5  |
| St J Ward 09                    | 2  |
| St J Ward 14                    | 2  |
| St J Ward 18                    | 2  |
| St J Ward 21                    | 1  |
| St J Ward 25                    | 3  |
| WGH Medical Assessment          | 5  |
| WGH Ward 03                     | 2  |
| WGH Ward 04 (Report to Ward 15) | 1  |
| WGH Ward 06                     | 1  |
| WGH Ward 11                     | 4  |
| WGH Ward 20 ICU                 | 1  |
| WGH Ward 23                     | 1  |
| WGH Ward 24                     | 4  |
| WGH Ward 26                     | 2  |
| WGH Ward 27                     | 1  |
| WGH Ward 43                     | 1  |
| WGH Ward 50                     | 5  |
| WGH Ward 51                     | 1  |
| WGH Ward 53                     | 2  |
| WGH Ward 54                     | 2  |
| WGH Ward 56                     | 1  |
| WGH Ward 57                     | 1  |
| WGH Ward 70                     | 1  |
| WGH Ward 71 (Stroke Unit)       | 6  |
| WGH Ward 72 (Assessment Unit)   | 4  |
| WGH Ward 73                     | 4  |
| WGH Ward 74                     | 1  |
| WGH Ward 8 Haematology          | 1  |