

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AGENCY SPEND

I write in response to your request for information in relation to learning disability agency nurse spend.

Question:

1. The total locum agency spends for learning disability nurses working in both acute settings and in primary care. Broken down by the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24:

Answer:

Financial Year	Total Costs
2019/20	11,842
2020/21	77,182
2021/22	62,423
2022/23	261,926
2023/24	269,375

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2. Please provide the 10 highest amounts of money paid by the Health Board to a locum learning disability nurse for working a single shift. Broken down by the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24:

Answer:

	Total Cost 2019/20	Total Cost 2020/21	Total Cost 2021/22	Total Cost 2022/23	Total Cost 2023/24
1	861.05	1472.58	1156.07	1541.57	1263.97
2	795.80	1351.19	1128.75	1265.56	1206.99
3	765.52	926.70	938.85	1260.00	1069.34
4	765.24	898.25	931.50	1214.03	1046.08
5	761.13	884.25	916.30	1206.99	1041.65

6	744.33	880.33	891.05	1166.17	1038.01
7	692.30	867.30	867.60	1128.38	1028.85
8	692.30	851.45	864.00	1119.70	1023.84
9	676.21	847.23	851.40	1113.26	1069.34
10	669.59	846.00	846.00	1083.76	999.99

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3. Names of each agency used by the Health Board to provide locum learning disability nurses.
4. Total amount of money paid by the Health Board to each of those agencies noted in 4 above. Broken down by the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24:

Answer:

Agency Name - 2019/20	Total Costs
Scottish Nursing Guild	10,981
MEDGEN Ltd	861

Agency Name - 2020/21	Total Costs
SNG	37,239
RMR	28,115
iCare24	6,584
Medline Recruitment Ltd	3,052
Pro health 24 Ltd	1,342
Clinical 24 Staffing Ltd	848

Agency Name - 2021/22	Total Costs
RMR	38,783
SNG	9,327
Medline Recruitment Ltd	5,829
Pro health 24 Ltd	3,925
iCare24	2,297
Direct Medics	752
Newcross Healthcare Ltd	691
Allied and Clinical Recruitments Ltd	384
ID Medical Group Limited	227
Supply Care Solutions (Danluker Ltd)	208

Agency Name - 2022/23	Total Costs
SNG	74,757
SOS Medical Ltd	40,898
MEDGEN Ltd	36,475
Medline Recruitment Ltd	26,165
Newcross Healthcare Ltd	21,001
RMR	16,065
Allied and Clinical Recruitments Ltd	15,965
Pro health 24 Ltd	11,818
iCare24	11,811
Yourworld Recruitment	2,125
Direct Medics	2,032
Supply Care Solutions (Danluker Ltd)	1,479
ID Medical Group Limited	801
Clinical 24 Staffing Ltd	384
H1 Healthcare	150

Agency Name - 2023/24	Total Costs
Allied and Clinical Recruitments Ltd	55,652
SOS Medical Ltd	40,599
MEDGEN Ltd	34,851
Medline Recruitment Ltd	33,522
Direct Healthcare	17,265
Pro health 24 Ltd	14,789
ID Medical Group Limited	14,524
RMR	10,330
Yourworld Recruitment	10,030
SNG	9,832
iCare24	9,541
Supply Care Solutions (Danluker Ltd)	5,278
Direct Medics	4,361
Newcross Healthcare Ltd	3,783
Plan B Healthcare Plc	1,786
Presto Nursing Ltd	1,712
National Locums	1,520

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. 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.

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Yours sincerely

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