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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AGENCY SPEND

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

### Question:

1. From 1st March 2025 to 31st May 2025, please list the wards/departments you have requested shifts for off framework agencies in your Adult Nursing, Mental Health, Community Teams?
2. Please provide a list of off-framework agencies used by the Trust from 1st March 2025 to 31st May 2025 and the amount of off framework spend for each agency.
3. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between 1st March 2025 to 31st May 2025 (a) RGN's (b) RCN's (c) RMN (d) ITU Nurse (e) A&E Nurse (f) HCA (g) CPN (h) NICU Nurse
4. Please provide me with the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for responsible for temporary nursing agency onboarding for your Trust

### Answer:

1.	None.
2.	None.
3.	None.
4.	General Manager for Staff Bank, Catherine Crombie - <a href="mailto:catherine.crombie@nhs.scot">catherine.crombie@nhs.scot</a>

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

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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