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Your Ref
Our Ref 11650

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AGENCY NURSES

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

Question:

- In the period 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 please provide a breakdown of:
 - Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum nursesPlease provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:
 - Spend per band
 - Spend per specialty
 - Spend per agency name
- In the period 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 please provide a breakdown of:
 - Total trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nursesPlease provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:
 - Spend per band
 - Spend per specialty
 - Spend per agency name
- In the period 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 please provide a breakdown of:
 - Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum nursesPlease provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:
 - Spend per band
 - Spend per specialty
 - Spend per agency name

Answer:

Please see enclosed spreadsheet.

Question:

- Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during this period for all agency nursing only, no bank staff nursing to be included (1st April 2026 to 30th June)

Answer:
169 shifts.

Question:

- Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period for all agency nursing only, no bank staff nursing to be included (1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026)

Answer:
Not applicable.

Question:

- Please confirm the framework you utilise for nursing agency staff.

Answer:
National Procurement Framework.

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.

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.

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Yours sincerely

ALISON MACDONALD
Executive Director, Nursing
Cc: Chief Executive
Enc.

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In the period 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 please provide a breakdown of:

- Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum nurses

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

- Spend per band
- Spend per specialty
- Spend per agency name

Band	Total Costs
Band 2	2,912
Band 3	30,153
Band 5	2,070
Band 6	0
Total	35,135

Spend per specialty

Specialty	Total Costs
Adult Acute Mental Health	14,557
Older People - Psychogeriatric	7,185
Mental Health Rehabilitation	5,838
West Lothian Mental Health	4,629
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service	1,289
East Lothian Services: Rehabilitation Medicine	634
Regional Services	429
Midlothian Community Hospital Inpatient Wards	394
Reas: Substance Misuse Directorate	180
Total	35,135

Spend per agency name

Agency	Total Costs
Allied and Clinical Recruitments Ltd	26,383
Medline Recruitment Ltd	4,319
NC Healthcare Ltd	1,789
Yourworld Recruitment	1,598
Interact Medical	784
ID Medical Group Limited	260
Total	35,135

In the period 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 please provide a breakdown of:

- Total trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nurses **0**

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

- Spend per band
- Spend per specialty
- Spend per agency name

In the period 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 please provide a breakdown of:

- Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum nurses

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

- Spend per band
- Spend per specialty
- Spend per agency name

All Costs below are for internal staff bank

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

Spend per band

Band	Total Costs
Band 2	1,478,817
Band 3	6,229,067
Band 4	65,624
Band 5	5,345,792
Band 6	1,134,649
Band 7	204,807
Band 8a	42,938
Vaccinator	187,089
Total	14,688,784

Spend per specialty

Specialty	Total Costs
Adult Acute Mental Health	1,453,210
Wgh Medicine	1,299,744
Edinburgh - Hospital Care Homes And Tech	1,245,970
Sjh Medicine	872,016
Women	799,266
Rie Surgery	700,791
Intellectual Disabilities	611,460
WI Mental Health	577,989
Wgh Surgery	570,177
Rie Emergency + Acute Medicine	526,026
Wgh Cancer	453,612
Edinburgh - Primary Care	443,985
Rie Medicine	418,016
EI Hosted Services: Rehabilitation Medicine	404,752
EI Hosted Services: Sexual Health	4,221
Oldee People - Hospital Services	385,806
Mh Rehabilitation	383,707
Older People - Psychogeriatric	379,134
Anaesthetics & Theatres	349,754
Midlothian Community Hospital	324,505
Regional Services	279,905
Critical Care	253,753
Prison Healthcare	201,288
Nursing	183,439
Community Health	174,600
Sjh Surgery	167,881
Lothian Unscheduled Care Services	139,354
EI Community Nursing	113,615
Child & Adolescent Mh Service	111,308
Reas Atrc	66,560
WI React Hub	66,403
Edinburgh - Mental Health Smd And Ld	61,818
Forensic Mental Health Service	59,627
Outpatients	57,512
Children & Young People Hosp	52,927
Ophthalmology	52,269
MI Community Nursing	47,605
Outpatients Flow Centre	45,179

EI Mental Health	44,946
Endoscopy	39,548
Atcc Pan Lothian Services	38,389
Oral Health	30,793
Pc Services	28,689
Sjh Site Mgt	24,504
EI Substance Misuse	16,414
EI Primary Care Management	14,134
Rie Site Mgt	12,804
MI Mh And Ld	12,666
Rd General Medicine	12,228
Gms Corporate	11,549
Dermatology	11,285
Adults Complex Excep Needs	10,675
Nursing Directorate	9,565
Director Of People And Culture	9,386
Edinburgh - Home First Community Rehabilitation A	6,701
Care Home Support	5,192
Imaging - Radiology	2,898
Vaccination + Ctac	2,328
Psychological Therapies	945
Rd Musculo-skeletal (msk)	756
Rd Critical Care	753
Wgh Site Mgt	674
Health Records	408
Reas Management & Admin	388
Dietetics	317
Health Vistors	250
Rd R&d Misc	233
Rd Women	182
Total	14,688,784