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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AGENCY STAFF

I write in response to your request for information in relation to agency staff - nurses of all gradings and healthcare assistants.

Question:

1. Number of shifts booked by ON Framework agency staff broken down by provider and month from 1st March 2026 To 30th June 2026
2. Number of shifts booked by OFF Framework agency staff broken down by provider and month from 1st March 2026 To 30th June 2026
3. Total spend on ON Framework agency staff broken down by agency and month from 1st March 2026 To 30th June 2026
4. Total spend on OFF Framework agency staff broken down by agency and month from 1st March 2026 to 30th June 2026
5. Where has the health board been utilising the support for agency staffing support the most from 1st March to 30th June 2026, is it in your hospitals, community care or residential care?
6. Can you provide a total sum of agency expenditure across all areas of healthcare from the 1st of March 2026 - 30th June 2026?

Answer:

Please see enclosed spreadsheet.

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

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Cc: Chief Executive
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Q1: Number of shifts booked by ON Framework agency staff broken down by provider and month from 1st March 2026 To 30th June 2026

NHS Lothain - ON framework agency staff for Nursing & Midwifery from 1st March 2026 to 30th June 2026.

	Pure Healthcare Group	Allied and Clinical Recruitments Ltd	Medline Recruitment Ltd	NC HealthCare Ltd	Interact Medical Ltd	Presto Nursing	ID Medical Group Ltd	Your World Recruitment Ltd
Mar-26	9	61	18	11	5	1	1	0
Apr-26	0	52	19	6	4	0	1	3
May-26	0	52	9	4	0	0	1	1
Jun-26	0	15	2	0	0	0	0	0

Q2: Number of shifts booked by OFF Framework agency staff broken down by provider and month from 1st March 2026 To 30th June 2026

NHS Lothian used zero off framework agency staff for Nursing & Midwifery from 1st March 2026 to 30th June 2026.

Q3: Total spend on ON Framework agency staff broken down by agency and month from 1st March 2026 To 30th June 2026

Agency	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26
Allied and Clinical Recruitments Ltd	32,048	16,956	14,695	6,356
ID Medical Group Limited	641	282	317	
Interact Medical	8,503	476		502
Medacs Healthcare	1,184			
Medline Recruitment Ltd	6,115	3,842	3,537	800
Mylocum Ltd		377		
NC Healthcare Ltd	2,180	1,569	1,670	
Presto Nursing Ltd	367	134		
Pure Healthcare Group	2,739	4,114		
Randstad	165			
SOS Medical Ltd	273			
Yourworld Recruitment	800	394	1,204	
Grand Total:	55,016	28,144	21,422	7,658

Q4: Total spend on OFF Framework agency staff broken down by agency and month from 1st March 2026 to 30th June 2026

No expenditure was incurred on agency staff (via off-framework agreements) during the period referenced in the request.

Q5: Where has the health board been utilising the support for agency staffing support the most from 1st March to 30th June 2026, is it in your hospitals, community care or residential care?

Service	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26
Acute Service Division	7,177	4,114		
East Lothian Partnership	2,767	122	708	
Midlothian Community Hospital	1,687		394	
West Lothian Partnership - Mental Health		339	2,623	1,235
Adult Acute Mental Health Service	15,106	8,147	10,414	3,200
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service	14,930	657		512
Intellectual Disabilities	2,115	3,493	815	1,022
Mental Health Rehabilitation	3,401	4,574	4,080	180
Older People - Psychogeriatric	7,833	6,699	1,958	1,329
Reas Atrc - Substance Misuse				180
Regional Services			429	
Grand Total:	55,016	28,144	21,422	7,658

Q6: Can you provide a total sum of agency expenditure across all areas of healthcare from the 1st of March 2026 - 30th June 2026?

Healthcare Provider	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26
Nursing	55,016	55,016	55,016	55,016
Medical & Dental	242,595	242,595	242,595	242,595
Allied Health Professionals	50,221	50,221	50,221	50,221
Health Science Services	22,854	22,854	22,854	22,854
Grand Total:	370,687	370,687	370,687	370,687