

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/275**

### **Agency Spend**

#### **Information Requested:**

1. The total trust spend on agency nurses in 2019, 2020, 2021

Year ending 31 March			
	2020	2021	2022
<b>Sum of Expenditure</b>	£9,320,716	£10,198,045	£17,642,635

2. What is the breakdown in types of nurses for the above, e.g. RGN, A&E, ITU, Community, Mental Health, Paeds etc?

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees' regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you of the below:

Sum of Expenditure	Year ending 31 March		
Group	2020	2021	2022
Agency - Nursing HCA/HCSW	-£832	£448,052	£2,357,780
Agency - Registered Nurse	£9,321,548	£9,749,993	£15,284,856
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£9,320,716</b>	<b>£10,198,045</b>	<b>£17,642,635</b>

3. Which agencies have the highest agency spend for temporary nurses?

Medicspro Ltd, Next Step Nursing Ltd, MPS Healthcare Ltd

4. What is the current model for dealing with agency staff, such as NHSP / temporary staffing or other such as master or neutral vendor?

Agencies are paid directly for staff supplied.

**5. The total off framework agency spend on nurses in 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022**

Financial year ended 31 March	Sum of Amount
2019	£122,903
2020	£70,362
2021	£199,390
2022	£852,838

**6. Current agency spend on temporary staffing for nurses in 2022**

Financial year ended 31 March 2022 is £17,642,635.

**7. Current off framework spend on temporary staffing for nurses in 2022**

Financial year ended 31 March 2022 is £852,838