

FOI Request Response information

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Date request received:	02/06/2016
Date request responded to:	29/06/2016
Category:	Finance
Tags:	Agency, agencies, spend, mental health, nurses, inpatient, psychiatric,

Request Detail:

Please can I request the following information:

- Agency spend on registered mental health nurses within inpatient services
- Agency spend on community psychiatric nurses
- Breakdown of agency spend per agency
- Please outline details of any current framework or preferred supplier list in place for the supply of agency/locum Nursing staff to your trust along with details on any renewal dates or plans to re-procure the agreements.

Response Detail:

The Trust response to your recent FOI request is as follows:

Q1 & Q2 – Can be found in the attached document “FOI 2013-139 – Q2.pdf”

Q3 - Can be found in the attached document “FOI 2013-139.pdf”

Q4 - The Trust since November 2015 has worked to be fully compliant with the Monitor and TDA rules on agency. This includes applying the Agency rate caps and the use of only agencies from approved frameworks. The trust as a member of NHS Shared Business Services also works closely with SBS and CCS collaboratively with neighbouring NHS Trusts in the Northwest. The Trust preferred supplier decisions are taken via SBS frameworks let from the current CCS approved frameworks however the supplier lists are currently under review and there are plans to re-let preferred supplier status in the next 6 months. This will likely involve use of the CCS approved frameworks (agency nursing and multidisciplinary healthcare professionals) to establish a tiered approach agency suppliers based on specific job roles and specialities.

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