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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-167
Subject: Specialling

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **25/02/2026** where you requested information about **Specialling.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
What was the total cost of specialling at your Trust for the last financial year (or a recent 3 month period)? "Specialling" refers to 1-1 nursing observation and support, typically done by agency and/or bank nursing staff.	£706,001.42

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Department. It would be helpful to quote the above reference number in any future communication.

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Yours sincerely,

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