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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-29
Subject: Framework Agencies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **12/01/2026** where you requested information about **Framework Agencies.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
For the 6-month period ending 1st January 2026, can you please provide:	Please find attached
1. Total Framework Agency Spend for both general and specialist nurses. • *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.	
2. Total Off Framework Agency Spend for both general and specialist nurses. • *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.	
3. Total hours filled by Framework Agencies for both general and specialist nurses and a breakdown of hours for each specialty. • *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.	
4. Total hours filled by Off Framework Agencies for both general and specialist nurses and a breakdown of hours for each specialty. • *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.	
5. A list of all Framework Agencies utilised by the Trust for both general and specialist nurses. • *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.	
6. A list of all Off Framework Agencies utilised by the Trust for both general and specialist nurses and total number of shifts for each Off Framework agency:	

*Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.	
7. The highest Framework Agency Charge Rate within your Trust for both general and specialist nurses. *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.	
8. The highest Off Framework Agency Charge Rate within your Trust for both general and specialist nurses. *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse	
9. A list of any agency (Framework and Off Framework) that have ongoing block booking arrangements for both general and specialist within your Trust within the identified time frame (01.06.2025 - 01.01.2026): *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse	

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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