

Freedom of Information Request: 0595

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB) completed a merger by acquisition of Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust (HEFT) on 1st April 2018. Due to historical differences in data collection/reporting across UHB and the former Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust this response has been provided by hospital site.

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

All questions relate to agency/locum nurses

1. Please can you outline your agency spend into each 52 weeks or 12 months for the year 2018 (I understand the year has not finished yet so up to OCTOBER 2018) would be sufficient.

Month	Monthly Cost £'000
Jan-18	166
Feb-18	181
Mar-18	177
Apr-18	184
May-18	214
Jun-18	215
Jul-18	194
Aug-18	174
Sept-18	198
Nov-18	217
	1,920

2. How many agencies did your trust use in the year of 2018?

Six

3. How much was spent on agency nurses in 2018?

January 2018- October 2018 Agency Nurse Spend £1,920,000

4. On December 25th 2017, how many shifts went nursing shifts went unfilled?

168 qualified and unqualified shifts.

5. What is the highest hourly rate paid to a locum agency in 2018 and what what band was this nurse i.e band 5 general.

Band 5

Day: 22.85

Night: 29.70

Sun/BH: 36.56

6. Please list the names of agencies that we used in year 2018 and list the total amount of spend for each used.

Agency	Total Cost £'000
Medics Pro	796
Firstpoint	489
Medacs	425
HCL	148
Arcadia	60
MSI	1
	1,920

7. What is the total number of different nurse locums did the trust use in 2018.

Six agencies used.

8. What was the highest hourly rate paid to an agency for a nurse in 2018 - Please state what agency this was and what band they were.

Band 5

Day: 22.85

Night: 29.70

Sun/BH: 36.56

This refers to all agencies.

9. Of all agencies used, were any off framework? If so, what are the agencies called?

No.

10. Who is the head of procurement at your Trust who approves agency use?

Gillian Farr.

11. Who approves above-cap and/or off-framework usage?

Chief nurse.

12. Who are your tier 1 and tier 2 agencies?

We have no tiering in place.

Heartlands, Good Hope and Solihull Hospital

All questions relate to agency/locum nurses

1. Please can you outline your agency spend into each 52 weeks or 12 months for the year 2018 (I understand the year has not finished yet so up to OCTOBER 2018) would be sufficient.

Month	Monthly Cost £'000
Jan-18	864
Feb-18	986
Mar-18	1,125
Apr-18	1,072
May-18	1,010
Jun-18	905
Jul-18	911
Aug-18	1,029
Sept-18	1,057
Nov-18	1,137

2. How many agencies did your trust use in the year of 2018?

44

3. How much was spent on agency nurses in 2018?

£10,095,971 (January – October 2018)

4. On December 25th 2017, how many shifts went nursing shifts went unfilled?

85

5. What is the highest hourly rate paid to a locum agency in 2018 and what band was this nurse i.e band 5 general.

Registered Nurse £44.63 per hour, Band 5.

6. Please list the names of agencies that we used in year 2018 and list the total amount of spend for each used.

See attached

7. What is the total number of different nurse locums did the trust use in 2018.

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8. What was the highest hourly rate paid to an agency for a nurse in 2018 - Please state what agency this was and what band they were.

Registered Nurse £44.63 per hour, Band 5, Thornbury.

9. Of all agencies used, were any off framework? If so, what are the agencies called?

NL Group
Plan B
Final Call
Hallam
Lifeline
Thornbury
GreenStaff
Blue stones

10. Who is the head of procurement at your Trust who approves agency use?

Gillian Farr

11. Who approves above-cap and/or off-framework usage?

Chief Nurse

12. Who are your tier 1 and tier 2 agencies?

Tier 1:

4Recruit
FirstPoint
Medics Pro
MPP
Medbank
World
Imperial
Actonbanks
Arcadia
Athona
Daywebster
TTM Health
Flamelily
HCL
Id Medical
Medacs
Meridian
MSI
My Locum
Swiis
TNA Medical
Evergood

Medsol
Team 24
Daywebster
Globe
Hcl
Maxxima
AHP YW

Tier 2:
DRC