



Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-592

14 October 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

1. Could the trust please provide information on how much has been spent on agency nurses:
 - a. This financial year to date (Apr to Aug 2019): £3228k.
 - b. 2018/19 financial year: £7,311k.
 - c. 2017/18 financial year: £6,659k.

2. Are these amounts higher, lower or within the budgets allocated for agency staff?
The Trust spend is currently above the agreed target of 0.7%.

3. Are there any measures being implemented to lower the reliance or use of agency staff?
The Trust is currently working with our NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG) healthcare partners and our neutral vendor to drive down the cost of agency supply.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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