

Freedom of Information request 429-22

Request

I am looking for information regarding the use of the locum nurses in your health board since the start of this financial year, 1st April 2022 to present. As such, can I request the following:

- 1)The total locum agency spend for nurses working in both acute settings and in primary care.
- 2)The total locum agency spend for nurses working in Accident and Emergency Departments.
- 3)The total number of shifts worked by locum nurses, with a breakdown by acute and primary care.
- 4)Please provide the 10 highest amounts of money paid by the Health Board to a locum nurse for working a single shift.
- 5)Names of each agency used by the Health Board to provide locum nurses.
- 6)Total amount of money paid by the Health Board to each of those agencies noted in 5 above.

Response

1. The total Locum Agency spend for nurses working in NHS Borders during the period 01/04/22 – 31/08/22 is £939,246
 - Primary & Community services - £751
 - Acute - £938,496
2. The total locum agency spend for nurses working in accident and emergency during the period 01/04/22 – 31/08/22 is £40,723
3. The total number of shifts worked by locum nurses during the period 01/04/2022 – 31/08/22 is:
 - Primary & Community services – 2
 - Acute – 1487
4. The ten highest amounts of money paid to an agency for providing one Locum Nurse cover is:
 - £1,713.78
 - £1,707.62
 - £1,690.82
 - £1,685.78
 - £1,476.50
 - £1,465.71
 - £1,429.00
 - £1,422.74
 - £1,390.98
 - £1,378.94
5. & 6.

The table below details the agencies used and the value of invoices to be paid to those agencies for the shifts worked during the period 01/04/22- 31/08/22. Note that Nusing Agency is predominantly managed by NHS Lothian and invoices are paid via NHS Lothian for those shifts.

Agency	Value
SOS Medical Ltd	£404,015
ID Medical Group Limited	£236,107
SNG	£178,463
Social Care Community Partnership	£37,191
Clinical 24 Staffing Ltd	£23,092
RMR	£17,385
RMR Recruitment Ltd	£13,612
Yourworld Recruitment	£13,214
YOUR WORLD NURSING	£5,138
Head Medical	£2,666
Bleep 360 Ltd	£2,489
Pro health 24 Ltd	£1,760
Newcross Healthcare Ltd	£1,603
Medline Recruitment Ltd	£1,042
Direct Medics	£778
MEDGEN Ltd	£435
Supply Care Solutions (Danluker Ltd)	£256

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **429-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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