

Freedom of Information request 290-23

Request

Are you able to provide me with a breakdown of spend on agency nurses between January 2022 and January 2023 as below?

1. Number of shifts invoiced by each provider the Health Board used for agency nursing
2. Framework spend on agency nursing broken down to spend per Framework provider
3. Off-framework spend on agency nursing broken down to spend per off-framework provider

Response

1. NHS Borders does not record the information in a format that would allow the number of shifts invoiced by suppliers to be determined. Therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
2. The NHS Borders spend, between January 2022 and January 2023, on agency nursing per framework provider is:

Agency	Spend
Bleep 360 Ltd	£ 11,129
Direct Medics	£ 1,217
ID Medical Group Limited	£ 469,684
Medacs Healthcare Services Plc	£ 460
Medline Recruitment Ltd	£ 266
Plan B Healthcare Plc	£ 14,494
RMR Recruitment Ltd	£ 30,271
Supply Care Solutions (Danluker Ltd)	£ 256
Yourworld Recruitment	£ 29,070
Total Spend	£ 556,848

3. The NHS Borders spend, between January 2022 and January 2023, on agency nursing per off-framework provider is:

Agency	Spend
Clinical 24 Staffing Ltd	£ 22,187
Head Medical	£ 3,026
MEDGEN Ltd	£ 3,008
Newcross Healthcare Ltd	£ 1,603
Pro health 24 Ltd	£ 5,859
Robinson Medical Recruitment	£ 65,831

Scottish Borders Council	£ 88,939
Scottish Nursing Guild	£ 579,236
Social Care Community Partnership	£ 71,727
SOS Medical Ltd	£ 874,354
Your World Nursing	£ 5,412
Total Spend	£ 1,721,182

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 **290-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.