

Freedom of Information request 375-23

Request

1. The total locum agency spend for nurses working in both acute settings and in primary care from January 2023 to latest data available.
2. The total locum agency spend for nurses working in Accident and Emergency Departments from January 2023 to latest data available.
3. Please provide the 10 highest amounts of money paid by the Health Board to a locum nurse for working a single shift from January 2023 to latest data available.
4. Names of each agency used by the Health Board to provide locum nurses from January 2023 to latest available.
5. Total amount of money paid by the Health Board to each of those agencies noted in 4. above.

Response

1. The total locum agency spend for Nurses working in both acute settings and in Primary Care is:

Acute	£879,153
Primary Care	£16,775
Total Spend	£895,928

2. The total locum agency spend for Nurses working in the NHS Borders Accident and Emergency Department is £96,323.
3. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
4. The agencies used by NHS Borders are*:

Bleep 360 Ltd
Clinical 24 Staffing Ltd
Coyle
H1 Healthcare Solutions Ltd
iCare24
ID Medical Group Limited
Pro health 24 Ltd
RMR Recruitment Ltd
Scottish Nursing Guild
Social Care Community Partnership
SOS Medical Ltd
Your World Nursing
Your World Recruitment Ltd

5. The total paid by NHS Borders to each agency is*:

Bleep 360 Ltd	£573
Clinical 24 Staffing Ltd	£6,838
Coyle	£5,767
H1 Healthcare Solutions Ltd	£644
iCare24	£8,768
ID Medical Group Limited	£129,147
Pro health 24 Ltd	£18,655
RMR Recruitment Ltd	£58,094
Scottish Nursing Guild	£214,951
Social Care Community Partnership	£19,466
SOS Medical Ltd	£227,648
Your World Nursing	£5,417
Your World Recruitment Ltd	£10,185

* Please note that not all payments are transacted via NHS Borders and the list and totals spend include shifts booked and paid via the Regional Nurse Bank hosted by NHS Lothian then re-charged to NHS Borders.

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 **375-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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