

14 September 2023

Freedom of Information request 634-23

Request

- Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?
 - Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?
- Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)
- Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 3 months?
- How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023 (a) RGN's (b) Registered Midwives (c) RMN's (d) ITU Nurses (e) A&E Nurses (f) Community psychiatric nurses
- Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023

Clarification

- For Questions 1 & 2 – are you referring to approval of which agencies can be used to provide agency Nurses or approval of a request to use an agency Nurse in a department within NHS Borders?
- For Question 5 – there is no breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, are you referring to the groups in Question 4?

For question 1&2 i can confirm I am referring to approval of which agencies can be used to provide agency nurses. And yes apologies for question 5 it will be referring to the groups in Q4.

Response

Nursing Agency is managed by NHS Lothian on behalf of NHS Borders, therefore, under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this data is accessible elsewhere. For your information, please find below a link to NHS Lothian:

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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 **634-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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