

FoI request re: Agency staff usage-cancelled operations-patients with respiratory conditions

Ref: 23-PN-0905

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request for information relating to agency staff usage, cancelled operations and patients with respiratory conditions.

Please find our responses below:

Request 1:

Total spend on agency staff in 2022-23 (and/or financial year to date if different), 2021-22, and 2020-21, sub-divided into the categories

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Allied Health Professionals or Healthcare Scientists
- Non-Medical/Non-clinical

	Doctors	Nurses	Allied Health Professionals or Health Scientists	Non-Medical, Non-Clinical
2020/21	£1,905,402.41	£3,541,720.04	£1,435,194.46	£178,085.19
2021/22	£1,893,373.55	£6,673,246.55	£2,259,265.69	£297,122.53
2022/23	£2,420,380.36	£9,681,948.31	£4,313,146.25	£1,062,219.91

Request 2:

The cost of most expensive agency shift in 2022-23 (and/or financial year to date if different), 2021-22, and 2020-21, sub-divided into the following categories

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Allied Health Professionals or Healthcare Scientists
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Please include the speciality of the most expensive shift in each category if known.

	Doctors	Nurses	Allied Health Professionals or Health Scientists	Non-Medical, Non-Clinical
2020/21	£1,242.89	£714.00	£519.93	£389.40
2021/22	£2,400.00	£911.84	£647.87	£504.37
2022/23	£1,861.35	£917.70	£677.32	£847.74

Request 3:

In each financial year specified in requests 1 and 2, please state by what percentage is agency spend higher or lower than accounted for in budget for that financial year.

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Request 3:

In each financial year specified in requests 1 and 2, please state by what percentage is agency spend higher or lower than accounted for in budget for that financial year.

	Doctors	Nurses	Allied Health Professionals or Health Scientists	Non-Medical, Non-Clinical
2020/21	45.9%	-1.7%	-3.0%	78.4%
2021/22	33.8%	-72.8%	-40.4%	53.4%
2022/23	32.4%	-72.4%	-119.9%	-91.0%

Request 4:

The reasons for each instance of utilising agency staff in each 2022-23 (and/or financial year to date if different), 2021-22, and 2020-21.

We do not hold this information in a recordable format.

Request 5:

The number of medical doctor degree apprentices currently training/working at the Whittington Hospital NHS Trust

Zero

Request 6:

The number of cancelled operations due to non-clinical reasons in 2022-23 (and/or financial year to date if different), 2021-22, and 2020-21. Please also provide the information sub-divided by the category of reason for the cancellation of operations, e.g. staff shortage, lack of beds, equipment failure, operating theatre capacity/list ran over, emergency case took priority, adverse weather, booking/admin error, case note unavailable and other reasons etc

*Please note that we did not collect or submit data between March 2020 and August 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cancellation Description	2020/21 *	2021/22	2022/23
administrative error	0	1	0
anaesthetist unavailable	6	13	3
emergency case needing theatre	0	2	15
critical care bed unavailable	0	1	0
equipment failure	2	3	4
hospital bed unavailable	1	8	27
other reason for cancellations	1	0	0
surgeon cancelled operation - non clinical reasons	0	1	3
surgeon unavailable	0	0	10
theatre list over-ran	3	26	37
theatre staff unavailable	0	17	2

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Request 7:

The number of childhood cases of respiratory conditions, cardiovascular disease and lung cancer treated at the Whittington Hospital per year since 2015.

Age of admission <18:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Respiratory Conditions	674	663	560	558	580	330	629
Cardiovascular Disease	24	31	29	27	22	29	38
Lung Cancer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please note that the trust's policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five (≤ 5) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

Request 8:

The number of adult cases of respiratory conditions, cardiovascular disease and lung cancer treated at the Whittington Hospital per year since 2015.

Age of admission 18+

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Respiratory Conditions	2008	2088	1847	2024	2010	948	1293
Cardiovascular Disease	1700	1141	1108	1158	1031	913	1105
Lung Cancer	172	237	246	334	273	175	223

Request 9:

The percentage of permanent staff positions which have been unfilled per year since 2018, sub-divided into the following categories:

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Allied Health Professionals or Healthcare Scientists
- Non-Medical/Non-clinical

The subcategory 'Support to nursing NA' and Support to nursing TNA', refers to Support to Nursing who are Nursing Associates (NA), and Support to Nursing who are Trainee Nursing Associates (TNA).

*This area does not have any vacancies.

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Workforce Cat 1	Category 2	March 2018 Vacancy %	March 2019 Vacancy %
All Qualified STT	AHP	*	0.9
All Qualified STT	Healthcare scientists	0.35	5.5
All Qualified STT	Other STT	9.02	17.0
All Qualified STT	Pharmacists	*	7.3
All registered Nursing	All registered Nursing	19.89	13.5
Medical Staff Group	Consultants	4.16	1.5
Medical Staff Group	Staff Grades	26.05	22.3
Medical Staff Group	Trainee Grades	*	5.8
NHS infrastructure	Admin & Estates	18.40	16.5
NHS infrastructure	Managers and Senior Managers	7.34	4.7
NHS infrastructure	Non-Pay	*	
NHS infrastructure	Other	54.55	54.5
Support to Clinical Staff	Support to Clinical Staff	11.59	9.3
Support to Clinical Staff	Support to nursing staff	11.08	21.4
Support to Qualified Nursing	Support to nursing staff	12.23	

Workforce Cat 1	Category 2	March 2021 Vacancy %
All Qualified STT	AHP	1.61
All Qualified STT	Healthcare scientists	10.32
All Qualified STT	Other STT	16.27
All Qualified STT	Pharmacists	5.23
All registered Nursing	All registered Nursing	12.82
Medical Staff Group	Consultants	2.85
Medical Staff Group	Staff Grades	20.22
Medical Staff Group	Trainee Grades	*
NHS infrastructure	Admin & Estates	13.36
NHS infrastructure	Managers and Senior Managers	2.18
NHS infrastructure	Other	49.15
Support to Clinical Staff	Support to Clinical Staff	10.73
Support to Clinical Staff	Support to nursing staff	22.18
Support to Clinical Staff	Support to Nursing Staff - Nursing Associate	*
Support to Clinical Staff	Support to Nursing staff - TNA	24.10

Request 10:

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The percentage of permanent staff positions which have been filled by EU nationals per year since 2018, sub-divided into the following categories:

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Allied Health Professionals or Healthcare Scientists
- Non-Medical/Non-clinical

We do not hold the information specifically for EU nationals.

Request 11:

Mean ambulance Category 1 and Category 2 response times for the year 2022

We do not hold the response times for cat1 & cat2 ambulances. This would need to be requested from the ambulance trusts.

I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

FOI Coordinator

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