

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_14_23

You asked:

I would like to make a request for information.

1) Please can you state your Health Board's total off-framework agency staff spend for healthcare staff in the following financial years:

- i) 2017/18**
- ii) 2018/19**
- iii) 2019/20**
- iv) 2020/21**
- v) 2021/22**
- vi) 2022/23 to date**

To be consistent with Q3 response, we are unable to easily identify Nursing and Health Care Support Workers (Which is the data captured in Q3) from the finance information held. Therefore, we are unable to identify an accurate financial split for each of the years.

2) Please provide a breakdown of this figure by the staffing agency used, providing the company name and the total spent with the agency in the year, for each of the following financial years.

- i) 2017/18**
- ii) 2018/19**
- iii) 2019/20**
- iv) 2020/21**
- v) 2021/22**
- vi) 2022/23 to date**

As per question 1, we are unable to provide an accurate and reliable split of the costs to reflect Health Care Support Workers, so below is the total agency spend for each of those financial years.

i) 2017/18	£5,218,000
ii) 2018/19	£6,992,000
iii) 2019/20	£16,722,000
iv) 2020/21	£21,327,000
v) 2021/22	£21,843,000
vi) 2022/23 to date	£20,893,000

3)

a) Please state how many healthcare staff shifts at your Health Board were filled by agency staff in each of the following financial years:

- i) 2017/18**
- ii) 2018/19**
- iii) 2019/20**
- iv) 2020/21**
- v) 2021/22**
- vi) 2022/23 to date**

b) For each year, please provide a breakdown of the number by the shifts covered by

i) On framework agency staff

ii) Off framework agency staff

Please see information provide in the table below:

*Agency Health Care Support Worker Shifts			
Financial year	Total Number of Filled Shifts On Contract Agency	Total Number of Filled Shifts Off Contract Agency	Total Number of Filled Shifts
April 2017 - March 2018	1042	2	1044
April 2018 - March 2019	1759	0	1759
April 2019 - March 2020	6710	13	6723
April 2020 - March 2021	8798	48	8846
April 2021 - March 2022	17770	34	17804
April 2022 - 16.1.2023	29416	4	29420

*Please note we have interpreted healthcare staff being health care support workers.