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I am responding to your request for information received 7 June 2021. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Keshia Harvey  
Information Governance Manager

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**Request:**

**Please could you provide the following information for the calendar year April 2019 to March 2020 and April 2020 to March 2021 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding the international recruitment of nurses.**

**Question 1. Did the Trust use agencies to recruit international nurses during the above period and which agencies were they?**

Answer: No.

**Question 2. If the Trust did use agencies, can I ask how many nurses were recruited off framework and on framework and if possible which framework was this?**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 3. What was the total international nursing agency spend per year?**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 4. What was your total temp nursing agency spend in budget years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021?**

Answer: 2019/2020 Agency Nursing = **£9,245,452**  
2020/2021 Agency Nursing = **£9,792,632**

**Question 5. What were the common International staff job roles/titles supplied by agencies?**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 6. What were the international staff job roles supplied directly?**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 7. Is the Trust planning on using agencies in 2021?**

Answer: Regarding domestic market, yes.

**Question 8. Do you have a central recruitment team or an international lead?**

Answer: The Trust has a central recruitment team.

**Question 9. The contact name of the person in charge of your procurement department for accepting agencies onto your supply list?**

Answer: Dr Mohit Venkataram, Executive Commercial Director.

**Question 10. Is the Trust working in collaboration for the international recruitment campaign?**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 11. Are you part of any pan-agreement in your location?**

Answer: Not for international recruitment. We do use the digital staff passport and NEL MOU.

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**Question 12. Average time it takes for a nurse to be deployed to the UK from the moment they receive the offer letter?**

Answer: Not applicable.

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