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We are responding to your request for information received 12th January 2026. We are sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Request:

For the 6-month period ending 1st January 2026, can you please provide:

**Question 1: Total Framework Agency Spend for both general and specialist nurses.
*Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, the Trust has a duty to provide a reasonable level of advice and assistance. As such, the Trust can disclose the following information to assist you with your request.

As such the Trust can provide data for the last 30 days or the total expenditure without being broken down by on/off framework. If this is helpful then please submit a new request outlining your refined requirements.

Question 2: Total Off Framework Agency Spend for both general and specialist nurses.

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Question 3: Total hours filled by Framework Agencies for both general and specialist nurses and a breakdown of hours for each specialty.

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Question 4: Total hours filled by Off Framework Agencies for both general and specialist nurses and a breakdown of hours for each specialty.

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Question 5: A list of all Framework Agencies utilised by the Trust for both general and specialist nurses.

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**Question 6: A list of all Off Framework Agencies utilised by the Trust for both general and specialist nurses and total number of shifts for each Off Framework agency:
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Answer The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 7: The highest Framework Agency Charge Rate within your Trust for both general and specialist nurses.
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Question 8: The highest Off Framework Agency Charge Rate within your Trust for both general and specialist nurses.

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Answer The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 9: A list of any agency (Framework and Off Framework) that have ongoing block booking arrangements for both general and specialist within your Trust within the identified time frame (01.06.2025 - 01.01.2026):

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Answer: Medicure
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