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We are responding to your request for information received 25th February 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.

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Request:

Question 1: I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act about agency costs for registered nurse shifts paid out by your organisation over the past two years.

What was the single highest amount your trust paid to an agency for any registered nurse shift for band 5 or above in the current financial year [i.e. April 2025-26]

- Could you please provide the same information for the preceding year [i.e. April 2024-25]
- Please outline or name the specialist area this cost was for, if relevant, for example paediatrics, frailty ward, emergency care, ITU etc.
- Please outline which nursing band (i.e. band 5, band 6 etc.) this cost was for
- Please include the length of the shift this was paid for

Answer: Please see table below

Year	Highest amount paid for agency nursing shift band 5 or above	Specialist area/nursing speciality paid for	Nursing band	Length of shift
2024-25	£762.91 (Sunday rate)	BED Community Nursing North	Band 6	12 hours
2025-26 (to date)	£595.63 (Sunday rate)	BED Community Nursing North / Rapid Response Team	Band 6	12.5 hours



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