

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Response Due: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. Please provide a report using the below table, showing temporary agency spend at the trust, broken down for the last 3 years covering: Nursing & Midwifery; Allied Health Professionals, Medical & GP's; Social Care; Non-Medical Non-Clinical.

	Nursing & Midwifery	Allied Health Professionals & Health Science	Medical & GPs	Social Care	Non-medical & non-clinical
2021/22	£1,777,556	£414,695	n/a	n/a	£19,114
2022/23	£3,505,082	£691,132	n/a	n/a	£15,316
2023/24	£511,577	£276,453	n/a	n/a	£32,076

2. Please provide a report using the below table, showing permanent agency spend at the trust, broken down for the last 3 years covering: Nursing & Midwifery; Allied Health Professionals, Medical & GP's; Social Care; Non-Medical Non-Clinical.

The Trust does not have any permanent agency staff.

3. Please provide a breakdown of all 'off framework' spend at the trust for the last 3 years.

	Nursing & Midwifery	Allied Health Professionals & Health Science	Medical & GPs	Social Care
2021/22	£202,887	£47,460	n/a	n/a
2022/23	£16,434	£30,538	n/a	n/a
2023/24	£0	£18,599	n/a	n/a

- 4. Confirmation of the current temporary agency recruitment model at the trust:**
- Is there a master vend, neutral vendor or managed service in place?**  
Yes, NHSP is a managed service.
  - What staffing groups does this include and when does this agreement expire?**  
NHSP for nursing and other non-medical groups – 31/03/2026.  
Liaison for medics – 28/03/2026.

- 5. Confirmation of the current permanent agency recruitment model at the trust**  
The Trust does not have a permanent agency recruitment model.

- 6. What is the biggest area for agency over spend/breaking glass at the trust?**
- What are these charge rates?**  
Please see attached.

We've provided a breakdown of costs over the NHSE price caps and the average total hourly charge broken down by staff group, grade/band and year. Data relating to this question only includes shifts where the NHSE price cap was breached. Amount over cap relates to the total cost over and above the price caps and includes pay, assumed NI and commission. Average total hourly charge includes pay, assumed NI and commission.

- 7. What is the trusts total spend above NHSE/NHSI price cap rates over the lasts 3 years?**  
Please see attached. This shows the total cost above the NHSE price caps broken down by year. Data relating to this question only includes shifts where the NHSE price cap was breached. Amount over cap relates to the total cost over and above the price caps and includes pay, assumed NI and commission.
- 8. How many recruitment partners for nursing does the trust have**
- Who are the top 5 agencies**  
McMillian  
YourNurse Ltd  
MSL  
Your World Recruitment  
Bluestones Medical

- What is the breakdown of their spend over the last 3 years?**

Agency	Total Cost
McMillian	£1,353,251
YourNurse Ltd	£1,301,309
MSL	£560,521
Your World	£377,055
Bluestones Medical	£355,452

- 9. What framework is utilised by the trust for the procurement of agency nurses?**

HealthTrust Europe.

Please note: Your questions have been answered with assistance from NHS Professionals and Liaison Group.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Gardner', on a light-colored background.

Tabitha Gardner  
Chief Finance Officer

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