

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

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Response Due: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 14<sup>th</sup> May 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:

Please can you answer the following questions:

- 1. Over the last financial year, how many Nurses, Drs and AHPs have been recruited internationally?**  
From April 2023 GTEC recruited: 24 Nurses (3 from agencies and 21 direct), 1 Midwife (agency), Doctors MCh MMed Programme 14 Doctors, 1 AHP's (agent).
- 2. Over the last financial year, how many international nurses, Drs and AHPs were recruited via an agency?**  
3 Nurses, 1 Midwife and 1 AHP.
- 3. Which agencies were used over the last financial year for international recruitment, and were any of them on an exclusive basis?**  
Bridge 4 Solutions, Chase Madison, Neu Professionals via NHSE.  
No exclusive contracts were awarded.
- 4. What is the budget for international recruitment over and above any grant funding for the financial year 2024/25?**  
No budget allocation.
- 5. What is the name and the job title of the person within your Trust is responsible for International recruitment?**  
Albert Joseph, Head of HR and Operational Manager - GTEC

**6. How did the trust engage with these agencies (direct award, Call off agreement, tender, mini-competition)?**

Tender.

**7. How many vacancies for nurses, Doctors and AHP does your Trust have currently?**

Staff Group	Vacant Establishment (WTE)
Allied Health Professions	61.8
Medical and Dental	54.37
Registered Nursing and Midwifery	71.85

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,



Juliette Tait  
Chief People Officer

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