

## **FOI007/2021 Response**

### **Request**

I would like the answer to these questions via email.

1. What was your overall annual expenditure on nursing staff salaries for the most recent financial year available?
2. For the same year, what was your overall expenditure on external agencies providing nurses to work within the Trust?
3. For the same year can you tell me how many shifts were covered by Agency nurses and what proportion of overall shifts that is?

## Response

**1. What was your overall annual expenditure on nursing staff salaries for the most recent financial year available?**

Please refer to the Trust's 2019/2020 annual report on the link below for nursing staff expenditure and note that there has been a delay in completing the annual report for the financial year 2020/2021. This is due to Covid-19 and the unprecedented demands faced by the Trust.

It is anticipated that the Trust will be uploading the 2020/2021 annual report at the end of April 2021.

Link: <https://www.bsmhft.nhs.uk/about-us/trust-documents/annual-report/>

**2. For the same year, what was your overall expenditure on external agencies providing nurses to work within the Trust?**

As mentioned in question 1 the Trust is unable to provide any financial information for the year 2020/2021.

However, the Trust can confirm that the total spend on agency nurses for the financial year 2019/2020 is £2,269,127.

**3. For the same year can you tell me how many shifts were covered by Agency nurses and what proportion of overall shifts that is?**

To keep in line with the 2019/2020 data set please see below the number of shifts and fill rates for agency nurses from the financial year 2019/2020

Agency Qualified Nurse Shifts	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
Agency Filled	822	771	695	877	860	741	984	830	844	729	636	883
Proportion of Overall Filled Shifts	8.0%	7.1%	6.8%	7.7%	7.3%	7.1%	9.1%	8.2%	8.4%	7.4%	6.2%	5.7%