



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 97

Thank you for your clarification of your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 31/05/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

You requested:

For the purpose of this request 'agency nurse' refers to both HCA's (band 2) and RN's (band 5+) combined. It excludes bank staff. The question is directed at the whole trust.

Please could you provide me with for the following dates, answers separated for each month:

- 1) 1st February - 29th February 2016
- 2) 1st March - 31st March 2016
- 3) 1st April 2016 - 30th April 2016

- 1) *The total number of shifts filled by agency nurses within the trust for each month.*
- 2) *The above answer split into how many were HCA shifts and how many were RN shifts for each month.*
- 3) *The total cost in pounds spent on agency nurses for each month.*
- 4) *The total number of 'breaches' for filling a shift with an agency nurse:*
 - a) *Not within November price caps for each month.*
 - b) *Off framework for each month.*

Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

- 1) The total number of shifts filled by agency nurses within the trust for each month.**

February	2210
March	2351
April	1806

- 2) The above answer split into how many were HCA shifts and how many were RN shifts for each month.**

February	RN 1095	HCA 1115
March	RN 1202	HCA 1149
April	RN 940	HCA 866

- 3) The total cost in pounds spent on agency nurses for each month.**

Feb	£459,061
Mar	£286,840
Apr	£378,393

4) The total number of 'breaches' for filling a shift with an agency nurse:

4a) The total number of price cap breaches for each month (using the latest price cap in effect for each month. So Feb/March will be 1st Feb cap and April will be 1st April cap))

Feb	503
Mar	314
Apr	561

4b) for each month how many shifts filled by off framework agencies

Feb	10
Mar	4
Apr	None

Please note. Data on breaches is collated and reported weekly to NHS Improvement on a weekly basis. It is not feasible without considerable additional effort to collate the data on a monthly basis. Therefore the information provided in this response has been based upon the weekly returns to NHSI and where weeks span month ends, these have been treated on a pro-rata basis.