

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE**FOI 3008****Agency**

How many nursing shifts (for nurses of any grade) have you needed to cover with agency staff from 31st March 2014, to 31st March 2015? **Agency shifts (Nursing only) 6,459 shifts**

How much did you spend in total on agency staff between 31st March 2014 and 31st March 2015? **On Agency Nursing staff the Trust spent £2,843,297 from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015.**

Did you use Medacs Healthcare plc to provide temporary nursing cover from 31st March 2014 to 31st March 2015, and if so how much did you pay them in total? **Yes, £96,872**

Did you use Mayday Healthcare plc to provide temporary nursing cover from 31st March 2014 to 31st March 2015, and if so how much did you pay them in total? **No**

Did you use Imperial Medical Staffing to provide temporary nursing cover from 31st March 2014 to 31st March 2015, and if so how much did you pay them in total? **Yes, £63,053**

Did you use Thornbury Nursing Services to provide temporary nursing cover from 31st March 2014 to 31st March 2015, and if so how much did you pay them in total? **Yes, £109,337**

From 31st March 2014 to 31st March 2015, what is the highest day rate you have paid for an agency nurse shift and to which agency was this paid? **£952.19 for 12 hour Sunday Neonatal shift with Thornbury Nursing Service**

Are there any duties that an agency nurse would not be allowed to carry out that a staff nurse of the same rank would be? **No providing there is sufficient evidence of competency.**

Do you have any policy to **re**duce your reliance on nursing agency cover in the future, and if so why? **No**