

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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19-20296

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Subject

Temp Nurses and International Nurses Recruited

Details of enquiry

for the period of April 2018 to April 2019, inclusive:

1. What is your total temporary nurse spend?
2. How many international nurses have you landed in the last financial year?

Response Sent

1. We have not recruited any nurses over the last year, and have not run any international recruitment programmes.
2. We do not hold separate data on temp nursing costs, so we would be unable to separate any such costs from temp admin costs, - I have explained this further below.

The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust has a minimal need for nursing staff and employs less than 30 nurses, as we are not a hospital, but a day clinic providing specialist mental health psychotherapy services to outpatients. The Trust does not provide acute or medical services, and has no in-patient nor detention facilities. Given the nature of the services we provide, we tend not to hire temporary nurses – hence to date our financial coding for invoice payment has no special category for temp nurse costs, and our Finance department have advised that they do not recollect many, if any, such invoices processed as agency payments.