

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-388

Request:

1. The name and best contact details for your Chief People Officer, Head of recruitment, International recruitment lead or whoever would be the primary contact responsible for the recruitment of overseas Nurses. Please can you also provide the details for the Recruitment Lead, Recruitment Manager or the primary contact that would be responsible for the recruitment of UK based Band 5 & 6 Nurses and Allied Health Professionals (namely Radiographers & Physiotherapists)?
2. Total spend on international recruitment activity with agency providers for the last financial year?
3. Names, total number of agency providers currently being used for international recruitment and total spend with each provider for the last financial year?
4. The average fee per Nurse, for International Recruitment via agency?
5. The main challenges faced by the Trust when recruiting overseas nurses?

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. The contact name for the Chief People Office is publicly available via the Trusts website and is contactable via the switchboard on 01227 766877.:

<https://www.ekhuft.nhs.uk/about-us/our-structure/>

We therefore rely on Section 21 of the FOI Act 2000 (information accessible by other means) in not answering this question.

For the Head of Recruitment, International Recruitment, Recruitment Lead, Recruitment Manager and all other contacts relating to recruitment they are contactable via ekhuft.resourcing@nhs.net or the switchboard on 01227 766877.

2. £616,106.16
3. We are currently only using Medacs Healthcare and have only been using them since April 2023
4. For financial year: 2022/23: £3015
For financial year: 2023/24: £4200 (as at 28 June 2023)
5. The FOI Act applies to recorded information, therefore EKHFT declines to provide a response where opinions are sought

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 29 JUNE 2023)

