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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

**Original Request and Response:**

Over the last financial year, how many Nurses, Drs and AHPs have been recruited internationally?

**Response:** 10 Nurses.

How many international nurses, Drs and AHPs were recruited via an agency?

**Response:** 10 Nurses.

How did the trust engage with these agencies (direct award, Call off agreement, tender, mini-competition)?

**Response:** Direct Award through NHS Consortium

Which agencies were used over the last financial year for international recruitment, and were any of them on an exclusive basis?

**Response:** NUE Professionals.

How many vacancies do you currently have for international Nurses, Drs and AHPs?

**Response:** None designated specifically.

What is the budget for international recruitment over and above any grant funding?

**Response:** No current budget

Who within your Trust is responsible for International recruitment?

**Response:** Head of HR (Workforce Planning & Resources).

If you are not satisfied that your Freedom of Information request has been dealt with in an adequate manner, you have the right to request a review, requiring us to review our action and response. To request a review of this response, please contact the FOI Officer, Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, St Catherine's Health Centre, Derby Road, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH42 0LQ or email: [WCNT.foi@nhs.net](mailto:WCNT.foi@nhs.net). You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request for review, you may ask the Information Commissioner to review our decision: The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, Telephone: 01625 545700.



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