



RE: FOI request - highest amount for agency nurse shift NIAS Ref: 42796-26

3rd March 2026

Dear

Thank you for your information request however I would advise that the NIAS is a pre-hospital organisation and therefore we do not operate an acute hospital service to the public in terms of hospital specialties and ward /associated treatments. This would fall under the remit of each individual Health & Social Care Trust operating within Northern Ireland as detailed below:

Northern Health & Social Care Trust
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
Western Health & Social Care Trust
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust
Southern Health & Social Care Trust

I would suggest making contact with each of the FOI leads in the above Trust's (emails addresses will be available via their websites) and they should be able to assist you further.

The information requested is not held by the NIAS.

Kind regards

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From:

Sent: 03 March 2026 09:09

Subject: FOI request - highest amount for agency nurse shift

Dear FOI officer,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act about agency costs for registered nurse shifts paid out by your organisation over the past two years.

1) What was the single highest amount your trust paid to an agency for any registered nurse shift for band 5 or above in the current financial year [**i.e. April 2025-26**]

i. Could you please provide the same information for the preceding year [**i.e. April 2024-25**]



- ii. Please outline or name the specialist area this cost was for, if relevant, for example **paediatrics, frailty ward, emergency care, ICU** etc.
- iii. Please outline which nursing band (**i.e. band 5, band 6 etc.**) this cost was for
- iv. Please include the **length of the shift** this was paid for

Please lay out the information in a table if possible, per the example below:

Year	Highest amount paid for agency nursing shift band 5 or above	Specialist area/nursing speciality paid for	Nursing band	Length of shift
2023-24	£850	Emergency care	Band 5	10 hours
2024-25	£1,200	Paediatric nurse	Band 6	12 hours

Please return this information within the 20-working day deadline provided under statute – by my reckoning, this is **Tuesday 31 March**. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further clarification.

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