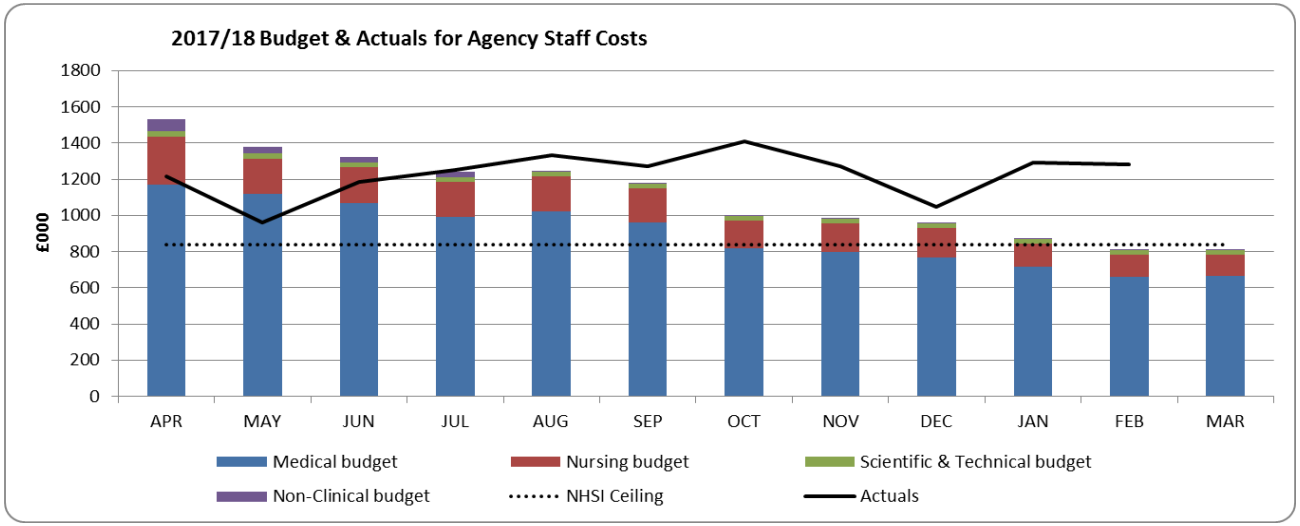
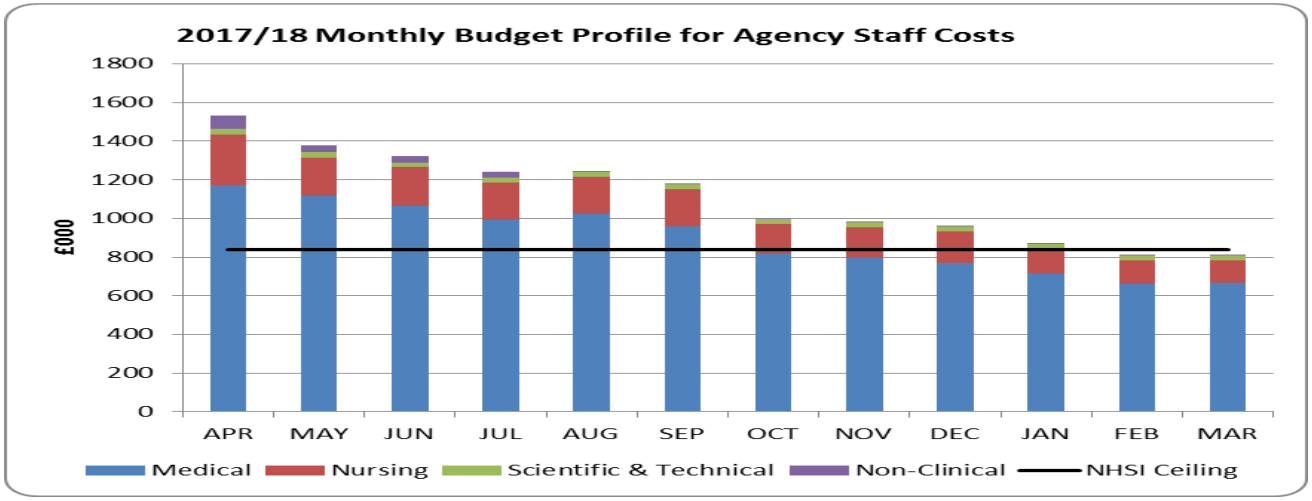
Trust Agency Summary February 2018

Overall Trust Dashboard

A: Total Agency against spend ceiling



B:Budget profile by month for agency 17/18



Commentary

Agency costs are driven primarily by vacancies.

Oxborough Ward (medical) budgeted for all beds to be open throughout 2017/18.

Leverington Escalation originally budgeted to be open April 2017 and Nov 2017 to Mar 2018. However CIP plan to reduce ALoS means beds to remain closed throughout winter 2017/18.

Agency budget assumptions 2017/18 include substantive medical staff recruitment, sickness absence reduction and rate reductions.

Agency run rate plan to be below cap (£10,040k per annum) by Q4 2017/18. Significant risks to achievement due to ongoing recruitment difficulties and low fill rates of deanery posts.

Agency Spend by Staff Group to February 2018

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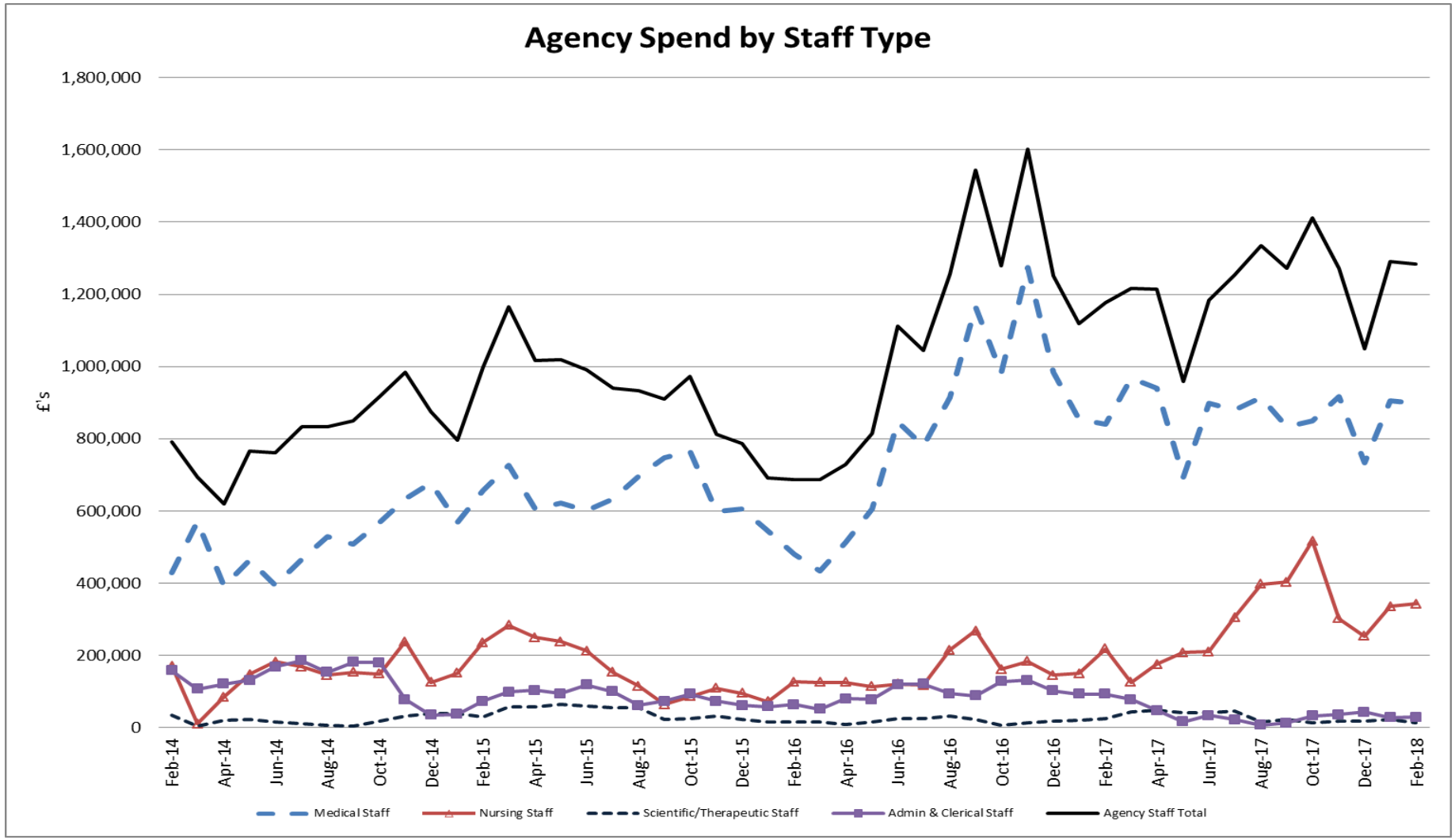
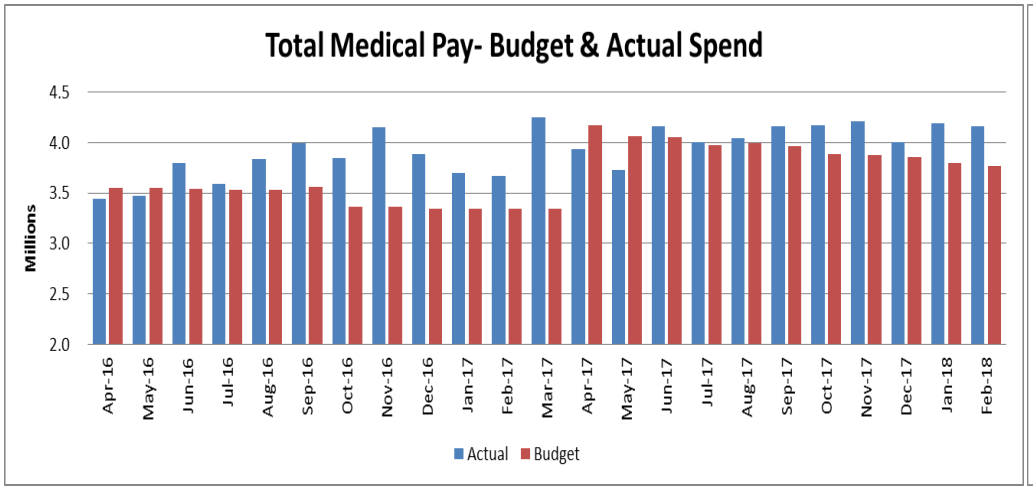


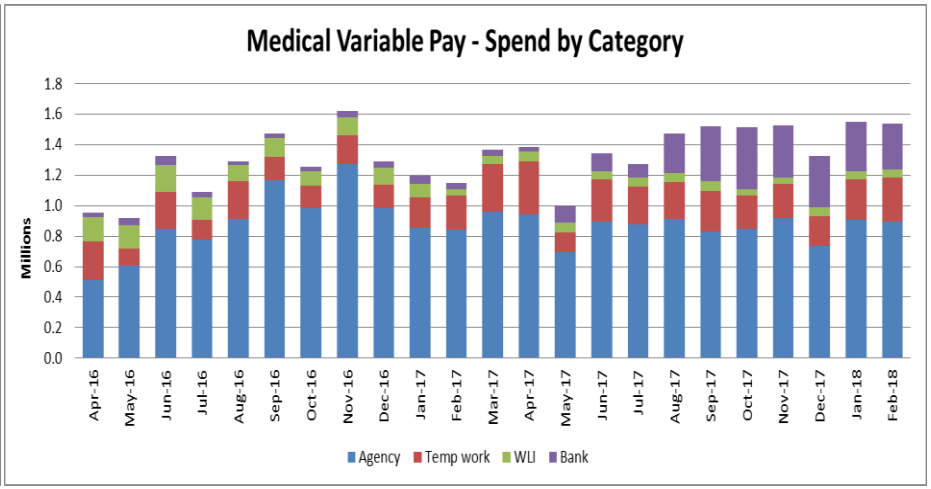
Medical Pay Gap February 2018

Medical Pay Dashboard

C: Medical Pay - Budget v Actual



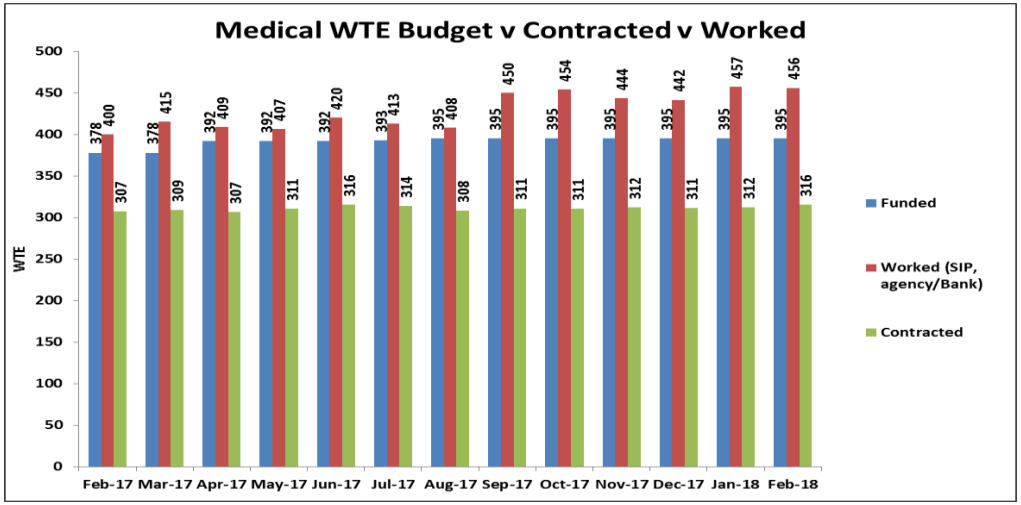
D: Medical Variable Pay - Total Spend by Category



Commentary

Medical pay costs exceeded budget in 2016/17 by £4.3m (10%) driven primarily by medical staff vacancies, sickness absence and failure of WLI cost reduction plan. Reversal of provisions in May 2017 disguises an underlying flat agency run rate in April - Aug 2017, despite an increase in staff on bank contracts instead of agency.

E: Vacancies and worked WTEs



Commentary

Funded FTE is the funded establishment for medical staff.

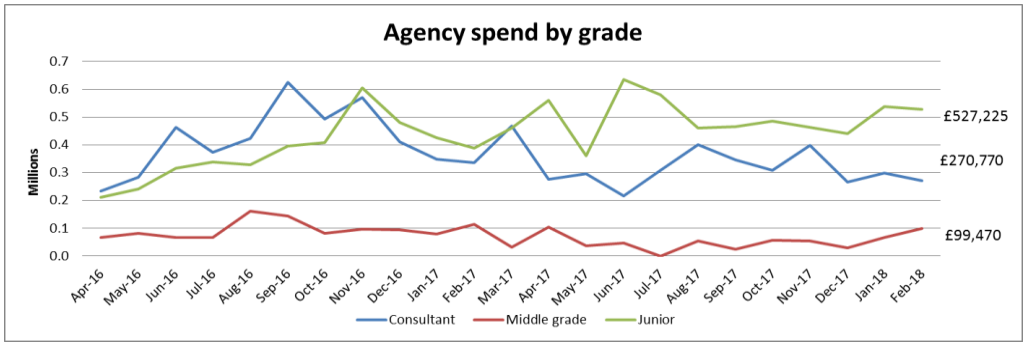
Contracted FTE is the total number of staff in post not including locum and bank staff but including those on long term sick and maternity leave.

Worked FTE is all staff in post including agency and bank.

Medical Pay, Cost of filling the gap. February 2018

Medical Pay Dashboard

F: Agency spend by Grade



G: Average agency price paid compared to Cap

Grade	Capped Rate Per Hour	Paid Rate Per Hour	Change from last month
Consultant	£76.10	£113.52	↑ £2.46
Speciality Doctor	£52.00	£85.98	↓ £2.54
Registrar	£35.19	£80.58	↑ £0.64
F2	£25.27	£58.10	↑ £0.17
F1	£20.37	£48.25	↑ £5.25

H: Which agencies have the highest spend (top 5)

Agency	Feb-18			YTD Average	
	Average Commision Rate	Total Spend £	% of total spend	Total Spend £	% of total spend
ID Medical	↑ £8.68	£141,113.30	98.20%	£3,717,526.51	91.14%
DRC Locums	↔ £7.61				
Recruit4Health	↔ £10.10				
Interact Medical	↔ £7.00				
TXM Healthcare	↔ £7.31				
NC Healthcare	↓ £0.00	£2,592.00	1.80%	£361,284.88	8.86%
Total		£143,705.30		£4,078,811.39	

Commentary

High vacancy rates are driving medical agency expenditure.

Paid hourly rates to doctors have been reduced as high earners are being replaced.

Reducing medical agency cost predicated on recruitment, sickness reduction and further hourly rate reduction.

The Trust has implemented a new process for the approval and extension of agency doctors with greater challenge and an increased focus on cost and alternative solutions The commision rate ranges from £7.00 per hour to £16.30 per hour.

Previous work to reduce high earners is being undone by the need.

Medical Pay, Staff Profile February 2018

Medical Pay Dashboard

I: Which Specialties have the highest spend (Top 5)

Specialty	Feb-18			YTD Average	
	Vacancy Rate %	Total Spend	% of Total Spend	Total Spend	% of Total Spend
Acute Medics	69.12	159,633	17.8%	117,873	13.7%
Care of the elderly (inc Escalation)	37.31	103,100	11.5%	124,933	14.5%
Obs & Gynae	18.95	86,328	9.6%	92,951	10.8%
General Surgery	14.25	78,883	8.8%	42,316	4.9%
A&E	17.50	73,559	8.2%	95,012	11.0%
Others		395,962	44.1%	386,949	45.0%
Total		897,465		860,034	

Commentary

High vacancy rates are driving medical agency expenditure.

Vacancies continue but progress is being made with recruitment however, this takes some time to show results.

There is an ongoing recruitment campaign to recruit more QEH Fellows to reduce locum costs.

J (a):Who in the Trust has been working on a locum basis for more than one year (Top 5)

Grade	Department	# months service	Overall cost per hour	Monthly Cost	Reason for Locum usage	Action Plan	Update
Specialty Doctor	A&E	28	£82.93	£14,222.50		Interviews planned for 28/3/18 for this post.	
FY2	AEC	22	£58.50	£4,680.00		3 posts recruited to - ongoing advert and interviews to be scheduled for the remaining posts.	
CON	MAU	22	£110.00	£19,415.00		Post to be re-advertised	
FY2	Outliers	17	£58.00	£10,454.50		3 posts recruited to - ongoing advert and interviews to be scheduled for the remaining posts.	
CON	MAU	17	£119.99	£19,498.38		Post to be re-advertised	

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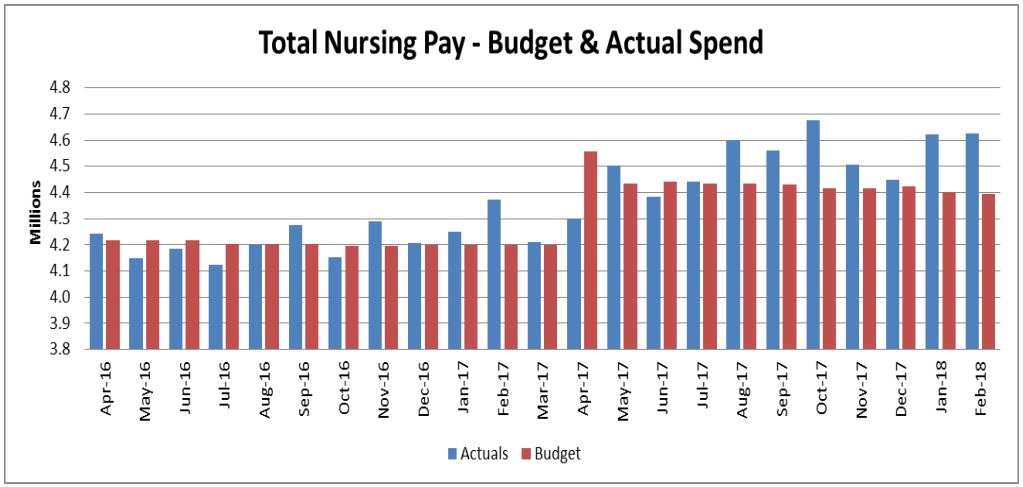
J(b)Who in the Trust has been working as a Consultant where hourly rate is £120 or greater

Grade	Department	# months service	Overall cost per hour	Monthly Cost	Reason for Locum usage	Action Plan	Update
CON	Oncology	9	£122.00	£9,699.00		Candidate appointed proposed start date 4/4/18	
CON	MAU	4	£119.99	£19,498.38		Post to be re-advertised	
CON	Stanhoe	4	£119.98	£17,997.00		Post to be re-advertised	
CON	Gen Med	3	£119.98	£17,937.01		Post to be re-advertised	
CON	Stroke	2	£119.98	£17,997.00		Post to be re-advertised	

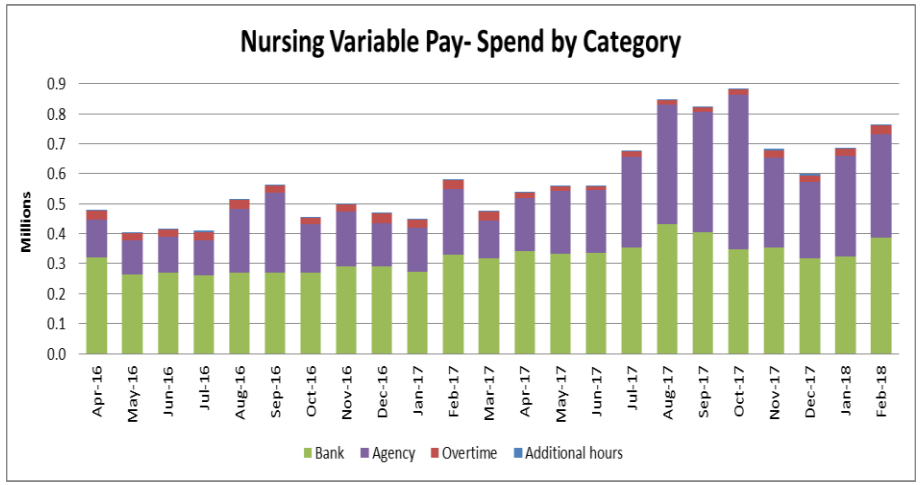
Nursing Pay, Gap February 2018

Nursing Pay Dashboard

K: Nursing Pay Budget & Actual Spend



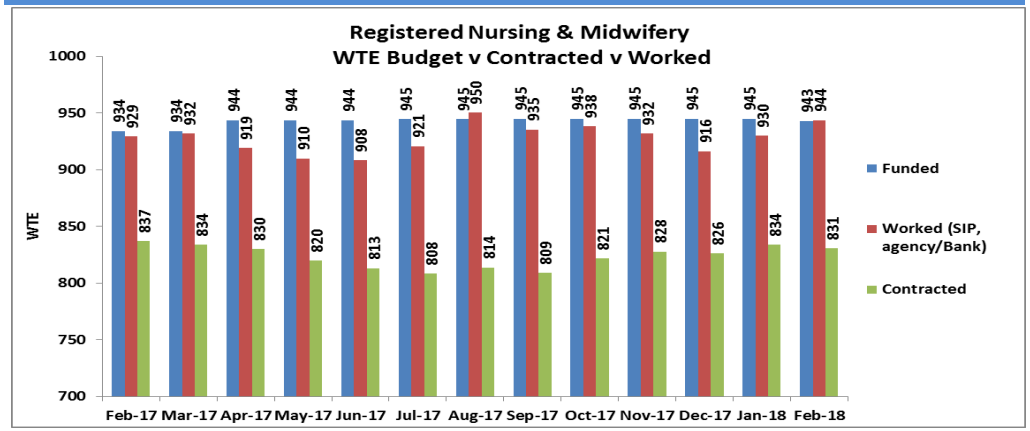
L: Nursing Variable Pay - Total Spend by Category



Commentary

Nursing variable cost driven by vacancies and high rate of sickness absenteeism. Currently 3.57% Short Term and 2.79% Long Term, totalling 6.36% N&M Sickness. Nursing pay cost budget increased in 2017/18 to reflect pay award, apprenticeship levy, agency cost out-turn 2016/17 and expansion of medical in-patient capacity. Both

M: Vacancies within the Trust



Commentary

There are currently 112.18 FTE (11.90%) Registered Nurse and Midwifery vacancies across the Trust.

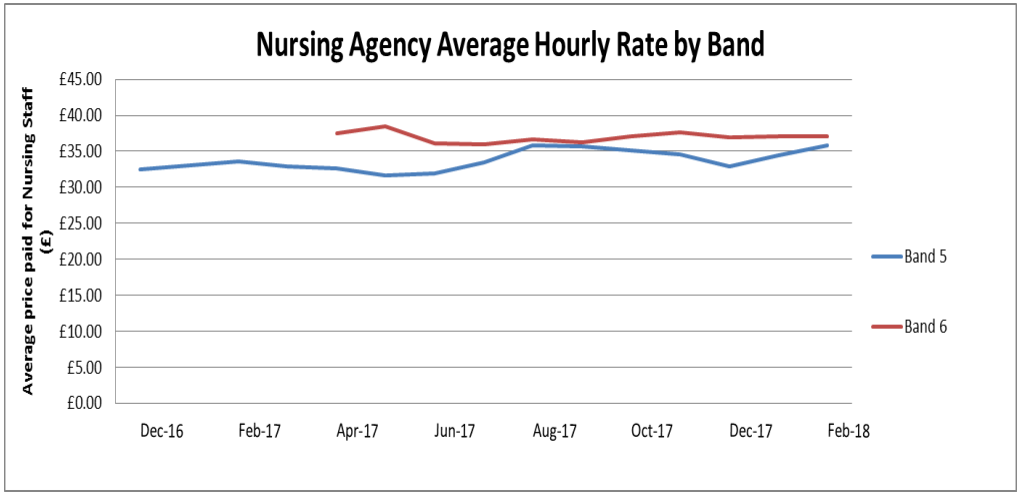
The contracted staff levels for Registered Nurses has remained fairly steady. International Nurse recruitment has contributed to staffing levels as well as local and national recruitment.

The Trust has invested in 'growing our own' staff through apprenticeships and other programmes to develop staff into Registered Nurses.

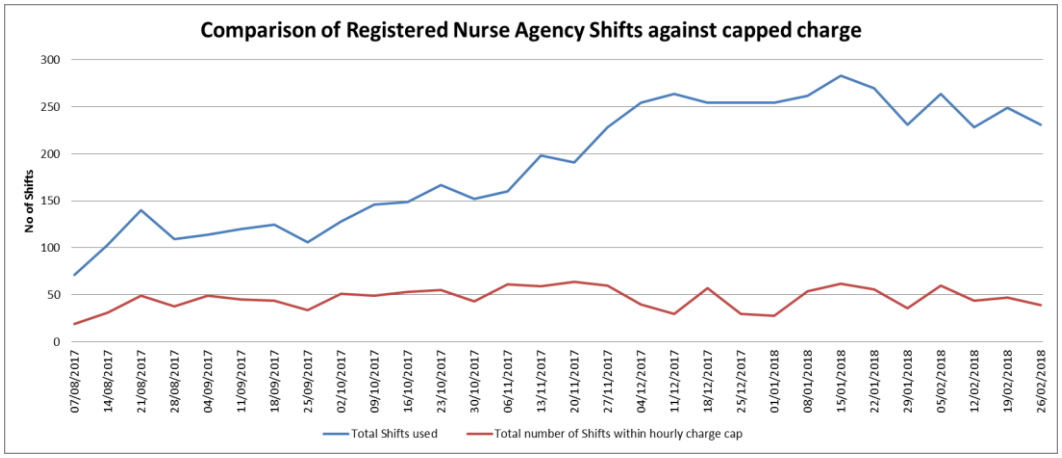
Nursing Pay, Fill Rate February 2018

Nursing Pay Dashboard

N: How have the prices paid for nursing staff changed



O: Agency Shifts within cap



Commentary

The Band 5 agency nurse average cost has increased to £35.78 per hour and Band 6 agency nurse has increased very slighty to £37.08 per hour.

The Trust has improved compliance with NHS Improvement Overall Price Caps for agency nurses particularly for night shift/Saturday and Sundays. Compliance with the NHS Improvement Band 5 Day Rate has been more difficult to achieve.

The new NHSI price cap figures issued in July have affected our compliance and total shifts within the capped rates. Due to many of our agency nurses having been booked for regular work and having recently agreed to reductions to their hourly rate, we are unlikely to see any substantial progress in driving down the hourly rate.