

CASE STUDY

# 95% Compliance & 20% Faster Staffing: UK Healthcare Recruitment Agency's Success with 69,542 Shifts





#### **Business Challenges**

#### **Compliance Challenges**

- ▶ **Team Reduction:** The client reduced its compliance team from 10 to 4 members during COVID-19, straining their ability to maintain high standards.
- Audit Risks: A smaller team increased the risk of failing audits and facing regulatory penalties.
- ▶ Complex Requirements: Managing DBS applications, reference checks, and mandatory training became difficult with limited resources.

#### **Out-of-Hours (OOH) Team Challenges**

- **Shift Fulfilment Pressure:** The OOH team struggled with last-minute shift requests, causing delays and unfilled shifts, impacting satisfaction and revenue.
- **Cancellation Management:** Real-time management of cancellations and DNA cases posed significant challenges to service quality.
- **Issue Resolution:** Addressing issues outside regular hours added complexity to OOH operations.

#### **Day Team Challenges**

- ▶ Capacity Bottlenecks: Bottlenecks slowed service delivery and hampered shift booking efficiency.
- Recruitment Turnaround: Lengthy recruitment processes hindered the ability to meet urgent staffing needs, resulting in delays in critical healthcare services.
- ▶ **Talent Database Management:** Attracting and securing qualified candidates in a competitive healthcare market posed significant challenges, impacting service quality and patient care.

## A Closer Look at the Client's Use of Compliance OOH Services & Day Team Activities

#### **Compliance Activities**

- Reference Chasing: Verifying employment history with previous employers.
- Fitness to Work Applications: Processing documentation for health and fitness standards.
- **DBS Application:** Managing Disclosure and Barring Service checks.
- Training Bookings: Organising mandatory and specialist training sessions.
- NMC PIN Check: Verifying Nursing and Midwifery Council registration and active PINs.

### Out-of-Hours (OOH) Team Activities

- Pre-Screening: Initial candidate screening before shift scheduling.
- Shift Booking: Scheduling and confirming shifts for optimal resource allocation.
- **Cancellations Management:** Handling last-minute cancellations efficiently.
- ► Handling DNAs: Managing no-shows to minimize service disruptions.
- **Referrals:** Processing nurse referrals to onboard new candidates.



#### **Day Team Activities**

- ▶ 180 Degree Booking: Managing comprehensive shift bookings.
- Pre-Screening: Thorough candidate screening before shifts
- Shift Booking & Cancellations: Efficient scheduling and cancellation management.
- Handling Did Not Attend (DNAs): Providing quick solutions for no-shows.
- Referrals: Facilitating nurse referrals to expand the candidate pool. crucial to maintain a steady supply of qualified candidates.

#### **How QX Helped**

#### **Compliance Support**

- ▶ External Audit Success: QX prepared the client for audits, ensuring files were audit-ready and securing a "Platinum Pass."
- **Streamlined Reporting:** Managed Master Vendor reporting, enhancing operational efficiency and increasing client revenue.
- ▶ **High Compliance Rates:** Maintained compliance ratio above 95%, reducing non-compliance risk and penalties.
- ▶ **Cross-Training Initiatives:** Developed a flexible compliance support system through team cross-training.

#### **Out-of-Hours (OOH) Team Support**

- Expedited Shift Fulfilment: Reduced turnaround time for shift requests and exceeded gross margin targets.
- ▶ Real-Time Issue Management: Proactively handled cancellations and DNAs, minimising disruptions.
- Collaborative Approach: Fostered effective communication and support with the client and nursing staff.

#### **Day Team Support**

- **Capacity Expansion:** Improved service delivery by removing bottlenecks and optimising workflows.
- Enhanced Recruitment Turnaround: Streamlined file retention and talent database management, speeding up recruitment and increasing gross margin.
- ▶ High-Touch Candidate Management: Implemented regular follow-ups and updated documentation to enhance candidate experience.
- Database Reactivation: Reactivated a pool of qualified candidates based on skills and availability, ensuring access to a ready pool of qualified candidates.



#### Results That Matter: Compliance, Efficiency, & Satisfaction

#### **Compliance**

- Achieved a 95% compliance ratio
- Secured a Platinum Pass in audits

#### Out-of-Hours (OOH)

- Successfully booked 69,542 shifts
- Achieved an 85.3% achievement rate

#### **Day Team**

- ▶ 30% reduction in turnaround time
- ▶ 15% Increase in gross margin
- ▶ 100% Client satisfaction ratings