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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 16th February 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

1. How many RGN/ RMN shifts have been filled using an "Off Framework" Agency between December 1st 2023, and February 1st 2024. **200 Shifts**
2. Which "Off Framework" Nursing agencies have been used by the Trust between December 1st 2023 and February 1st 2024. **Thornbury**
3. A breakdown of shifts filled by each "Off Framework" agency between December 1st 2023, and February 1st 2024. E.g., 3 RMN Shifts and 5 RGN shifts were filled by X agency.
128 HCSW shifts, 72 RMN shifts. All filled by Thornbury.
4. The total cost for each individual "Off Framework" nursing agency between December 1st 2023, and February 1st 2024.

Supplier	£000
Thornbury Nursing Services	383
Grand Total	383

Please note costings are for both HCSWs and RMN shifts as they are combined on the invoices and are inputted under one account code. It would be disproportionate to have to review individual invoices, the cost of collating the information in order to respond to your request would exceed the threshold of £450 as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit Fees) Regulations 2004. As a result, we are refusing your request under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the

Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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