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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 5th April 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. (a) Who is the head of procurement that is responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?

Procurement is outsourced and provided by University Hospital of North Midlands (UHNM) <https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/>

(b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service? **E-Rostering and Temporary Staffing Manager**

2. Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)

Corporate email addresses are exempt as they constitute personal data and would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 (in accordance with qualified exemption S40 (2)(a) of the FOI Act). Details of members of staff and e-mail addresses can be sought from Departments directly and can be contacted via our Main Switchboard at the Harplands Hospital on 0300 123 1535

3. (a) Can you please confirm the names of all OFF-Framework agencies currently supplying to your trust for the following staffing groups: Registered General Nurses (RGNs) & Registered Mental-health Nurses (RMNs), Accident & Emergency (A&E)/Intensive Therapy Unit (ITU) Nurses, Prison nurses and Theatre Nurses
Currently the Trust does not use any off- framework agencies.

(b) Secondly, Can you please confirm the volume of supply, by number of shifts filled and & shift type, by each OFF-Framework agency during October 1st 2023 – February 29th 2024.

Shift Type	Number of shifts
Long Day	361
Day shift	20
Night Shift	400

4. How much was your OFF-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between January 2024 – April 2024

RGN's	N/A
Chemotherapy Nurses	N/A
RMN	£1,367k
ITU Nurse	N/A
A&E nurse	N/A
Prison Nurses	N/A
Theatre nurses	N/A
Neonatal nurses	N/A

Please note spend for RMN is for January 2024-March 2024 as April reporting is still ongoing.

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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