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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 25th June 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) Spending on agency staff (excluding bank staff) in 2023/24. **£5,416k**
b) the Trust's agency cap in 2023/24. **3.70% of total pay bill**
c) the trust's agency cap for 2024/25. **3.20% of total pay bill**
2. The proportion and value of total agency spend in 2023/24 that was
a) framework and
b) off framework

Figures below are based on PL data

	£	%
On framework	3,642	67%
Off framework	1,774	33%

3. a) The value of spending on medical agency staff in 2023/24
b) the Trust's total medical workforce spend in 2023/24.

Medical Agency Staff	£2,529k
Total medical workforce spend	£12,089k

4. In the years 2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22 and 2020/21, off-framework expenditure broken down by:

- a) Total for each year. **Please see Appendix 1 attached.**
- b) For all staff types (e.g., registered nurses, locum doctors) **Please see Appendix 1 attached.**
- c) Numbers of individual staff in each of these categories. **Data not available**
- d) The total spend for each category. **Please see Appendix 1 attached.**

Please note data is not available for 2020/21

Data is based on PL data and Direct Engagement spend

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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Agency On /Off Framework	Staff Type	21/22 £'000	22/23 £'000	23/24 £'000
On Framework	CONSULTANTS	1,815	1,663	2,209
On Framework	NHS INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	137	240	231
On Framework	REGISTERED NURSES	1,098	1,340	804
On Framework	UNQUALIFIED NURSES	180	165	353
On Framework	OTHER SCIENTIFIC, THERAPEUTIC	149	428	45
Total On Framework		3,380	3,836	3,642
Off Framework	CONSULTANTS	205	311	320
Off Framework	NHS INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	11	0	55
Off Framework	REGISTERED NURSES	5	218	1,399
Off Framework	UNQUALIFIED NURSES	-	1	-
Off Framework	OTHER SCIENTIFIC, THERAPEUTIC	-	-	-
Total Off Framework		222	530	1,774
Grand Total		3,603	4,366	5,416

Agency On /Off Framework	21/22 £ %		22/23 £ %		23/24 £ %	
On Framework	3,380	94	3,836	87	3,642	67
Off Framework	222	6	530	13	1,774	33
Agency Staff Total	3,603	100	4,366	100	5,416	100