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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 7th August 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:

For the 6-month period ending 30th June 2024, can you please provide:

- Total Off Framework Agency Spend for Nursing and Midwifery staff. **£485,387**
- Total hours filled by Off Framework agencies. **2480 for Thornbury Nursing Services and Locum Health**

Information for Dr S Fawcett & Dr M Williams are not held in a reportable format. 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.

- A list of all Off Framework agencies utilised by the Trust for nursing and midwifery and a breakdown of each ward or department and total number of shifts for each non framework agency.

Agency	Department	Number of shifts
Locum Health	Moorcroft Medical Practice	18
Thornbury Nursing Services	Darwin Centre	226

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- A list of Agency suppliers with a day charge rate of over £40 across any nursing/midwifery speciality.
 - **Thornbury Nursing Services**
 - **Locum Health**
 - **Dr S Fawcett & Dr M Williams**
- A list of Agency suppliers with a night charge rate of over £45 across any nursing/midwifery speciality. **Thornbury Nursing Services**
- A list of any Off Framework suppliers that have ongoing block booking arrangements for nursing and Midwifery staff with your Trust within the identified time frame (1.1.2024 - 30.6.2024). **None**

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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