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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 14th 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:

1. Please confirm whether you utilise a Direct Engagement model for agency usage - if so, please confirm the name of Direct Engagement provider? **Retinue**
2. Please confirm the specialties used under your Direct Engagement model e.g.
 - Doctors. **Psychiatry**
 - Nursing. **N/A**
 - AHP/HSS. **N/A**
3. Please confirm the spend via your Direct Engagement model for the period April 2024 to July 2024. Please break this down by:
 - Doctors per month

Medical Agency	April	May	June	July
Direct Engagement	141,120	169,806	232,660	177,448

- Nursing per month. **N/A**
 - AHP/HSS per month. **N/A**
4. Please confirm the spend via Non-Direct Engagement for the period April 2024 to July 2024. Please break this down by:
 - Doctors per
 - Month.

Medical Agency	April	May	June	July
Non-Direct Engagement	62,386	63,012	39,912	35,304

- Grade.

	April	May	June	July
Consultant	45,699	25,545	4,505	-
GP	16,687	37,467	35,407	35,304
Total	62,386	63,012	39,912	35,304

- Sub-specialty.

	April	May	June	July
Additional Complexity	19,438	26,025	4,505	-
Older Adults	26,262	480	-	-
Primary Care	16,687	37,200	35,407	35,304
Total	62,386	63,012	39,912	35,304

- Nursing per month, Band, Sub-specialty.

Qualified Nursing Agency	April	May	June	July
Acute Services	15,123	12,918	4,071	1,768
E-Rostering	-	185	-	-
General Practice	6,899	10,391	2,009	4,644
LD and CAMHS Inpatient	86,613	13,303	9,145	16,858
Neuro and Rehab	771	-	-	2,068
Substance Misuse	4,319	6,159	6,420	4,503
Urgent Care	1,216	1,185	465	676
Total	114,940	17,535	22,109	30,517

Break down by band is not recorded 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.

- AHP/HSS per month, Band, Sub-specialty.

Other Clinical Agency	April	May	June	July
Aute Services and Urgent Care	452	4,342	-	261
Directorate of quality and Nursing	-	280	-	-
Specialist Services	43,393	48,178	-	-
Total	43,845	52,800	-	261

Other Clinical Agency includes unqualified nursing, PAMS, Professional and Technical staff and Social Workers. It would be disproportionate to have to review individual invoices to provide further break down, 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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