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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 21st April 2023. 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. The total number and spend of nursing shifts sent to agencies to fill (frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately
628 Framework, 95 Off-framework - On Framework £2432k off Framework £13k- The Framework cost is estimated given the information available in the system.
2. The total number and spend of nursing shifts filled by agencies (frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately
399 Framework, 95 Off Framework- On framework £103k, off framework £13k based on purchase ledger data including qualified and unqualified nurses
3. The total number and spend of critical banded nursing shifts sent to agencies to fill. (Frameworks and off frameworks) Please provide these totals separately
The Trust does not have an Emergency Department or what would be classed as critical and speciality banding
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5. The total number and spend of 'breaches' for filling a shift with agency nurses (Registered Nurses) not within the NHSI capped charge rates.

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6. Please provide a list of all frameworks agencies that are currently 'breaching' 'breaches' when filling a shift with agency nurses (Registered Nurses) not within the NHSI capped charge rates.
Mastervend Day Webster Band 5 Day shifts only above cap.
7. Please provide a list of all frameworks agencies which supply the trust with nursing staff.
Day Wester, Aspect
8. Please provide a list of off framework agencies which have supplied (from 1st January 2023 to 31st March 2023) into the trust with nursing staff across all sites.
Thornbury
9. From 1st March 2023 to 31st March 2023, please list the wards/ departments you have requested shifts for off framework agencies.
Darwin Unit

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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