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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 9<sup>th</sup> May 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. (a) Who is the head of procurement at your Trust responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?

**Procurement for the Trust is outsourced to the University Hospitals of North Midlands therefore please contact - 01782 6720487 for further information. Agency usage is approved by our Chief Operations Officer**

- (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 information in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)  
**The E-Rostering and Temporary Staffing Manager can be contacted via the Harlands Hospital Reception on 01782 441600**

3. Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between Jan 2023 – Present: (a) RMN

**£13k - for both Registered Nurse & Healthcare Support Workers – The Trust does not hold this information separately and we do not hold costing in the System**

4. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between Jan 2023 – Present

**None – The Trust does not send out to Off Framework routinely**

5. Since the start of January 2022 - present, please provide the current charge rates from your Off Framework, Nursing providers, providing a clear breakdown between the workers pay rate and agency commission

**The Trust pays the flat rates below there is no added commission**

Breakdown of Rates		Standard Hourly Rates
RN Specialist	Basic- Monday-Friday 08:00-14:00	£69.95
	P1- Monday- Thursday 14:00-08:00	£86.95
	P2 Friday 14:00- Monday 08:00	£93.45
HCA Specialist	Basic- Monday-Friday 08:00-14:00	£43.95
	P1- Monday- Thursday 14:00-08:00	£55.45
	P2 Friday 14:00- Monday 08:00	£60.95

6. Based on the above information, who are your current Nursing Off-Framework agencies and how many shifts have been booked for each month from January 2022 – Present  
**Thornbury Nursing March only - 96 shifts**

7. Please confirm what Staffing Frameworks the Trust is allowed to utilise  
**HTE Framework**

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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