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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 17th August 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 responsible for approving Nursing agency usage? **Chief Operating Officer**

(b) Secondly, who is the temporary/ flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service? **Temporary Staffing Manager**
2. Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b) **Details of members of staff and e-mail addresses can be sought from Departments directly and can be contacted via our Main Switchboard at the Harplands Hospital on 0300 123 1535.**
3. Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 3 months? **Yes**
4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023.
 - (a) RGN's **£40k**
 - (b) Registered Midwives **£NIL**
 - (c) RMN's **£117K**
 - (d) ITU Nurses **£NIL**
 - (e) A&E Nurses **£NIL**
 - (f) Community psychiatric nurses **£NIL**
5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 4, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023?
There were no unfilled off framework shifts for RMN's.

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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