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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 24th 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. Neutral Vend (NV) or Master Vend (MV) Agency Supplier:

i. Medical

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier **No Master or Neutral Vender supplier**
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier? **N/A**

ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier **N/A- Agency not used.**
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier **N/A**

iii. Nursing

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier **Day Webster**
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier **03/10/2023 followed by 3 periods of 12 months as optional extras.**

iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier **Berry Recruitment**
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier **N/A- No Contract. Bookings are on an ad hoc basis.**

2. Direct Engagement (DE):

i. Medical

- Name of the DE provider **Retinue**
- Expiry date of contract with the DE provider **10/10/2024**
- % of DE currently achieved **80%**

ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

- Name of the DE provider **N/A- agency not used.**

- Expiry date of contract with the DE provider **N/A**
- % of DE currently achieved **0**

iii. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

- Name of the DE provider **No Direct Engagement used.**
- Expiry date of contract with the DE provider **N/A**
- % of DE currently achieved **N/A**

3. Financial Year 2022/2023 - spend figures on temporary agency staffing – (worker pay & agency commission only):

i. Medical £2,817

ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) £0

iii. Nursing £1,860,000

iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC) £268

4. Financial Year 2022/2023 - number of hours worked by temporary agency workers:

i. Medical. Unfortunately, this information is not held in an easily accessible format and not easily obtained without individual teams checking invoices and/ or timesheets. We believe that 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.

ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) 0

iii. Nursing 54420.05 hrs

iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC) Unfortunately, this information is not held in an easily accessible format and not easily obtained without individual teams checking invoices and/ or timesheets. We believe that 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.

5. Contact responsible for temporary agency staffing at the Trust:

i. Workforce Lead

- Job Title **Chief People Officer**

ii. Procurement Lead

Procurement is outsourced and provided by University Hospital of North Midlands (UHNM) <https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/>

iii. Finance Lead

- Job Title **Chief Finance Officer**



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Information relating to members of the Board can be found at <https://www.combined.nhs.uk/about-us/our-board/our-board/>

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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