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Dear

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Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 17th October 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:

Please disclose the information listed in the below table rows for each of the 4 staff groups in the table columns by return email within 20 days as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

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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	Doctors	Nurses	Allied Health Professionals or Health Scientists	Non-Medical, Non-Clinical
Please provide agency spend for the staff group for the year 2023	£1,938k	£999k	£161k	£255k
Please provide bank spend for the staff group for the year 2023	£244k	£861k	£87k	£94k
Please confirm which model you have in place for managing the staff group: Email to preferred supplier List, a Master Vendor, a Neutral Vendor, or a Software cascade to a preferred supplier list	Neutral vendor	Master Vend	Cascade to a preferred supplier list	Cascade to a preferred supplier list
If you have a master vendor or neutral vendor in place, please confirm who this contract is with and the date on which this contract expires	Retinue – 10/10/2024	Day Webster. October 2024	N/A	N/A
Please confirm what percentage of bookings over the last 6 months have been within the NHSI/E agency caps (an approximation based on NHSI data submissions is fine)	5%	77.93%	N/A	N/A
Please confirm which provider manages your direct engagement process, the fee for the service and the date on which this contract expires (no this is not relevant for Nursing)	Retinue, expires 10/10/2024 Trust is applying Section 43 exemption to the fee aspect of the request as the information is commercially sensitive and is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).	N/A	N/A	N/A
Please confirm what percentage of bookings are processed with a VAT savings by your direct engagement provider	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Is your bank managed by an external bank provider (eg, NHS Professionals, Bank Partners) or in-house? Please confirm who is the external bank provider and when the contract expires if relevant	In House	In House	In House	In House
Is your bank managed via software? If so, please confirm which software.	No software used.	RLDATIX Previously known as Allocate Software	No software used.	No software used.
Please confirm what the percentage is on framework (for example, "£6,650,000 – 99% framework /20% off-framework") for the year 2023	80%	56%	100%	83%
Please confirm what percentage is off-framework (for example, "£6,650,000 – 99% framework /20% off-framework") for the year 2023	20%	44%	0	17%
Please confirm the direct engagement- DE% uptake for the year 2023	We are unable to provide this information for the whole of 2023, but 100% of our current bookings are DE.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Please confirm the direct engagement- DE provider	Retinue	N/A	N/A	N/A
Please confirm the direct engagement- DE contract end date	10.10.24	N/A	N/A	N/A