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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 1st December 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. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums? **Authorisation would come from Associate Director and the Executive Director on call out of hours.**
2. Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:
 - a) Physiotherapy **Team leaders/ Ward managers would be responsible if approval was given.**
 - b) Occupational Therapy **Team leaders/ Ward managers would be responsible if approval was given.**
3. Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.
Staff email addresses are exempt as they constitute personal data and would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 (in accordance with qualified exemption S40 (2)(a) of the FOI Act). 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
4. How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?
 - c) Physiotherapy **£0**
 - d) Occupational Therapy **£0**
5. Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists – please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023. **N/A**

6. Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one? **No**
7. What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023? **N/A**

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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