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Dear

## Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024. 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 how much (total £) the Trust has spent on on-framework agency, off-framework agency, and bank staff in the past four full financial years (2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23; and 2023/24).

In this instance, "on-framework" refers to organisations on NHS England's list of approved staffing providers. "Off-framework" refers to those who are not on this list but still provide services to trusts.

The figures should pertain to totals in each financial year and overall since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 (i.e., the start of the 2020/21 financial year). If possible, please also disclose:

1. A breakdown by total for all three (i.e., £2m on "on-framework", £800k for "off-framework", £1.2m for bank) in each of the four financial years; and
2. If available, the top three specialties by spend in each of the four financial years (e.g., gynaecology, dermatology, cardiology).

Bank & Agency Spend years 20-21, 21-22, 22-23 & 23-24

	20-21 £000's	21-22 £000's	22-23 £000's	23-24 £000's
Agency On Framework	split not available	3,380	4,761	3,925
Agency Off Framework	split not available	222	631	1,503
Total Agency	2,535	3,603	5,392	5,428
Bank	3,515	3,542	4,317	4,385

Top 3 Specialties Agency	20-21 £000's	21-22 £000's	22-23 £000's	23-24 £000's
Acute & Urgent Care	481	1,307	1,626	663
Specialist Services	795	791	1,153	2,607
Community	793	1,806	1,579	1,454

Top 3 Specialties Bank	20-21 £000's	21-22 £000's	22-23 £000's	23-24 £000's
Acute & Urgent Care	2,017	1,777	2,139	2,781
Specialist Services	804	1,221	1,362	1,374
Community	213	131	343	116

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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