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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 12th February 2026. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

In accordance with the FOI Act 2000, please find below a FOI request with enclosed questions.

I am looking for this information due to establishing a better understanding of the needs of any nursing services you provide, along with the service users covered. No documentation is required; however full and clear disclosure is appreciated.

Unless otherwise stated, all questions relate to Nursing usage only.

1. Please provide name and contact details (email address and telephone number where possible) of the following (broken down per site):
 - a) Temporary Staffing Manager or Staff Bank Manager.
Staff names and 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).
 - b) Lead Cancer Nurse and/or. **N/A**
 - c) Cancer Manager. **N/A**
2. How much nursing agency usage from January 2025 to December 2025 has the Trust used? This is a request for Nursing only. I request for this information to be broken down into the following:
 - a) Unit/ site and ward/ department
 - b) Grade/title (i.e. Band 5/6/7 Nurse etc.)
 - c) Amount of hours and/ or full time equivalent (FTE) broken down per month during the requested time period above.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

- d) Total cost of agency usage (in £) per month during the requested time period above
- e) What agencies were used, along with total amount in £ per agency on a monthly basis during the requested time period above

- f) Of these agencies, who were classified as 'off framework' and 'on framework' **Information relating to Trust agency and bank spend can be found here [Finance - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust](#) under Agency and Bank Information.**

October- December data is exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act as it is intended for future publication.

3. How does the Trust source any Nurse agency requirements? I request your answer include any frameworks that you use along with the number of SLAs you have in place with providers. **Through Master Vendor contract with Day Webster Ltd, HealthTrust Europe. Day Webster have SLA with suppliers. However, these are managed externally by Day Webster not the Trust.**
4. Based on your answer above, can you confirm the number of incidences whereby your agency need has been charged above NHSi cap, broken down per shift on a monthly basis i.e. April 2018 = 25 shifts and by what agency.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

5. Who is responsible for making the decision on which agency/recruitment business to use to fulfil your agency nursing requirements. Please include name and contact details (email and telephone number where possible).
6. What are the Trusts current full-time and part-time vacancies for:
- a) Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists. **N/A**
 - b) Lead Cancer Nurse. **N/A**
 - c) Cancer Manager. **N/A**
 - d) Chemotherapy Nurses. **N/A**
 - e) Radiology Nurses. **N/A**
 - f) Oncology Nurses. **N/A**
 - g) General Nurses (all specialisms). **0**

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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