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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 22nd May 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:

For the 3-month period ending 1st May 2026, can you please provide:

1. Total Framework Agency Spend for both general and specialist nurses. Please break down the spend for each specialty. *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.
2. Total Off Framework Agency Spend for both general and specialist nurses. Please break down the spend for each specialty. *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.

Information relating to Trust agency and bank spend can be found here [Finance - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust](#) under Agency and Bank Information.

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

3. Total hours filled by framework agencies for both general and specialist nurses and a breakdown of hours for each specialty. *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse.
 - **Specialist Nursing (Primary Care)- 32 hrs**
 - **Nursing (Mental Health)- 400.6 hrs**
4. Total hours filled by Off framework agencies for both general and specialist nurses and a breakdown of hours for each specialty. *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse. **0**
5. A list of all Framework Agencies Utilised by the Trust for both general and specialist nurses. *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse. **Day Webster Ltd**

6. A list of all Of Framework Agencies Utilised by the Trust for both general and specialist nurses and total number of shifts for each Off Framework Agency. *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse. **N/A**
7. The highest Framework Agency Charge Rate within your Trust for both general and specialist nurses. *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse. **£47.65 per hour**
8. The highest Off Framework Agency Charge Rate within your Trust for both general and specialist nurses. *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse. **N/A**
9. A list of any agency (Framework and Off Framework) that has ongoing block booking arrangements for both general and specialist within your Trust within the identified time frame (01.02.2026 – 01.05.2026). *Specialist Nurses: Any Nursing Role that is not a general nurse. **Day Webster Ltd, Master Vendor contract**

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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