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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

1. *Please provide list of nursing agencies currently utilised for qualified nursing staff at the trust.*
2. *Please provide spend data for nursing and care agencies for qualified nursing staff across all areas of the trust for qualified staff dated April 2016 – March 2017.*
3. *Please provide information of which off framework agencies supplied qualified nursing staff dated between April 2016 – March 2017 including spend data.*
4. *Please provide agency spend for qualified nursing staff which exceeds the price caps, which are reported as 'break glass' agency usage*
5. *Please provide how many hours are being worked by agency qualified nursing staff that are charged outside the price caps 'break glass'*
6. *Please could I have a breakdown of the hourly charge rate that other agencies charge the trust for qualified nursing staff*

Refusal Notice. The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because this information is easily accessible by some other means. Please use the link below to obtain details of FOI reference 3632 which answers Questions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

https://www.wwl.nhs.uk/foi/Agency_FAQ.aspx

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1. Information is exempt if –

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- b) It is reasonable in all circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph a).

The information requested in Question 2 will be available on our website before the end of May. Please follow the link below to find it.

<https://www.wvl.nhs.uk/foi/FAQ.aspx>

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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