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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

Please may you see the below.

1. (a) Who is the head of procurement at your trust responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?

Alistair Nicholson – Head of Procurement

(b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service.

Amanda Cheesman – Assistant Director of Nursing

2. Please can you provide the contact information in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)

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3. Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between April 2019 - June 2019: (a) RGN's (b) RCN's (c) RN's and (d) HealthCare Assistants (e) RMN (f) Specialist RN (ITU) (g) Medical Locums

NHSP have reported on the agencies used in the time frame identified and none are off framework, i.e. they are all on the HTE framework.

4. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between April 2019 - June 2019

Zero - we would only ever go off framework if we could not fill on framework, therefore we don't specifically identify a shift as off framework until it is filled.

5. Since the start of January 2019 - present, please provide the current charge rates from your Off Framework, Nursing providers, providing a clear breakdown between the workers' pay rate and agency commission – N/A

6. Based on the above information, who are your current Nursing Off-Framework agencies and how many shifts have been booked for each month from January 2019 - June 2019 – N/A

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,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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