

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Response Due: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Madam,

With reference to your request for information received on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**1. What framework are you associated with for sterile service agency supply?**

At present there is no framework in place for sterile service agency supply, however going forward domestic provision may on occasion be sourced from NHSP.

**2. Who is responsible for agency usage on framework and off framework in the Sterile Services/Decontamination department at all hospitals associated with the Trust?**

Mary Kelly and Stuart Mellor.

**3. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in questions 1 and 2.**

The Trust does not routinely give out email addresses and direct telephone numbers of staff members, as large numbers of unsolicited emails/telephone calls, could cause disruption by blocking email accounts/telephone lines thus preventing true work-related emails/calls from being delivered. However, any of the above staff can be contacted via main switchboard on 01942 244000.

**4. Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2023 and March 2024 in Sterile Services?**

No.

**5. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Sterile Services between March 2023 and March 2024?**

£0.

**6. Do you currently outsource your Sterile Services/Decontamination department, if yes, who do you outsource it to?**

Sterile Services Decontamination unit (SSDU) is not outsourced, however SSDU are 50/50 owned by WWL & NCA (SRFT) and undertake work for both organisations.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Kelly Knowles  
Operational Director of Finance

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