



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

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Date: 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 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. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums?**

The Trust does not have an individual procurement lead. The managers responsible will sign off their own agency staff time sheets, once approval is sort from their line manager.

**2. Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:**

**(a) Physiotherapy**

Specialist Services: Dan Wright/David Patterson

Medicine – Alison Russell

Surgery- N/A

Community: Nicola Swift, Katy Warriner, Cath Partington, Lesley Freeman, Paula Fairhurst, Amanda Swift, Alex Meace.

**(b) Occupational Therapy**

Specialist Services: Dan Wright/David Patterson

Medicine – Alison Russell

Surgery- N/A

Community: Nicola Swift, Katy Warriner, Cath Partington, Lesley Freeman, Paula Fairhurst, Amanda Swift, Alex Meace.

**3. Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.**

The Trust does not routinely give out email addresses and direct telephone numbers of staff members as a large number of unsolicited emails/telephone calls could cause disruption to work by blocking email accounts/telephone lines and thereby 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. How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?-**

**(a) Physiotherapy**

**(b) Occupational Therapy**

	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Nov-23	Grand Total
Agency Occupational Therapist	6,956	3,123	-	4,149	4,447	12,353	-	4,662	3,528	7,379	33,910
Agency Physiotherapist	205	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,466	5,063	10,860
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,161</b>	<b>3,123</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,149</b>	<b>4,447</b>	<b>12,353</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,662</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>12,442</b>	<b>44,771</b>

**5. Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists – please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023.**

Please see redirection at Question 7.

**6. Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?**

Please see redirection at Question 7.

**7. What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?**

Please redirect your question to the NHS Professionals Freedom of information team via:

Email: [FOI@nhsprofessionals.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@nhsprofessionals.nhs.uk)

Write to the Information Governance Officer at:

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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,



Tabitha Gardner  
Chief Finance Officer

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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