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Response Due: 5th July 2024

Date: 5th July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 7th June 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. **Has the Trust used agencies to recruit permanent/international doctors in the last 6 months and if so, which agencies were used?**
No.
2. **Has the Trust used agencies to recruit permanent/international nurses in the last 3 months and if so, which agencies were used?**
No.
3. **Has the Trust used agencies to recruit permanent/international allied health professionals in the last 6 months and if so, which agencies were used?**
No.
4. **Please provide a breakdown of the number of doctors by grade and specialism placed as result of permanent/fixed-term/international recruitment in the last 6 months using agencies**
N/A.
5. **Please provide a breakdown of the number of nurses by specialism i.e. general ward, midwifery, mental health etc placed as result of permanent/international recruitment in the last 6 months using agencies**
N/A.

- 6. Please provide a breakdown by band and profession of the number of allied health professionals placed as result of permanent/fixed-term/international recruitment in the last 6 months using agencies**
N/A.
- 7. What was the total permanent/international recruitment agency spend on the before mentioned job roles?**
N/A.
- 8. Does your Trust intend to recruit doctors, nurses or allied health professional on a permanent/fixed-term/international recruitment basis using an agency over the next 12 months? If so which categories and anticipated volume for each category**
No.
- 9. Are there any contract end dates for the supply of permanent/fixed-term/international doctor, nurses or allied health professionals occurring in 2024/25 if so, what dates and with which providers?**
The Trust has no contracts for this.
- 10. Are you intending to come out to tender or complete mini competitions for suppliers of permanent/fixed-term/international doctor, nurses or allied health professionals in the financial year 2024/25?**
No.
- 11. Please confirm your current nursing vacancy rate by band and specialism across your trust**
Please see attached.
- 12. Please confirm your current doctor's vacancy rate by grade and speciality across your trust**
Please see attached.
- 13. Do you have a central recruitment team or an international recruitment lead?**
Both – central recruitment team as well as MCh MMED programme recruitment team.
- 14. Please provide the contact name of the person in charge of all medical recruitment in relation to permanent/fixed-term/international recruitment?**
It is a central team – there isn't one person in charge.
- 15. Please provide the contact name of the person in charge of all nursing recruitment in relation to permanent/international recruitment?**
This Trust does not have this role.
- 16. Please provide the contact name of the person in charge of your procurement department for dealing with permanent/international recruitment?**
Alistair Nicholson – Associate Director of Procurement.

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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,



Kelly Knowles
Operational Director of Finance

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