



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-255

Date: 10th August 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 5th August 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding nursing agency usage.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Can you please provide me with the below information?

1.(a) Who is the head of procurement at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHSFT responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?

(b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHSFT?

A1 See below:

- 1a. The procurement department are not responsible for approving agency usage. However the agency contract lead is Joanne Roberts*, Deputy Director of Procurement
- 1b. Barbara Walsh* – Nurse Bank Manager

Q2 Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)

A2 See below:

Joanne.roberts@uhnm.nhs.uk 01782 715444
Barbara.walsh@uhnm.nhs.uk 01782 715444

Q3 Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 7 months at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHSFT?

A3 No

Q4 How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between August 2020 – March 2021 (a) RGN's (b) RCN's (c) RN's and (d) RMN (e) Specialist RN (ITU) (f) Specialist RN (A&E)

A4 Not applicable

Q5 Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between January 2021 – July 2021?

A5 Not applicable

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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