

Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-419

Date: 10th January 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 26th October 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Off-Framework.

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 (a) Who is the head of procurement at your trust responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?
(b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?

A1 See below;
a) Procurement are not responsible for approving Nursing Agency usage
b) Stephanie Albutt, Senior Sister for Temporary Workforce

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

A2 Stephanie.albutt@uhnm.nhs.uk

Q3 Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between Dec 2021 – May 2022:

- (a) RGN's
- (b) RCN's
- (c) RN's
- (d) HealthCare Assistants
- (e) RMN
- (f) Specialist RN (ITU)

A3 UHNM had none in the time frame requested , however there was 3 RN shifts in October 2022 booked Off –Framework.

Q4 Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between Dec 2021 – Present?

A4 3 RN shifts

Q5 Since the start of January 2022 - 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

A5 They were charged at £76.45/ hour and worked a 12 hour shift each –3 shifts all at a cost of £917.40 each

Q6 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 2022 – Present

A6 3 RN shifts booked in October via Thornbury – no other usage

Q7 Please confirm what Staffing Frameworks the Trust is allowed to utilise

A7 UHNM access Health Trust Europe TWS II and Crown Commercial Services frameworks but are permitted to access any frameworks that are appropriate and legal for the Trust to use

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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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