



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-276

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17th August 2021 (received into our office 18th August) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Off-Framework.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 healthcare workers agency use?**

**b) Who is the temporary/ flexible Staff only responsible for the management of this service?**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: FOI ref 255-2122- August 2021-22

<http://www.uhm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

**Q2 Please provide the contract information in relation to both question 1 a) and b)**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between September 05 2019 to July 11, 2021?**

- a. RGNs (ward nurse) band 5
- b. RCNs band 5
- c. Healthcare assistance band 2
- d. RMNs band 5
- e. Specialist ITU nurses band 5 and 6
- f. CPNs band 6
- g. Scrub nurses band 5 and band 6
- h. ODP band 5 and 6

- i. Physiotherapist
- j. Speech therapist
- k. Paramedic band 5

A3 As answer 1

**Q4 Following the same breakdown of staff groups in question three how many of framework shifts have been unfilled between September 05 2019 to July 11, 2021?**

A4 As answer 1

**Q5 Since the start of January 2019 to present please provide the current charge rate from Off Framework agencies nursing / healthcare worker providers a clear breakdown of the workers' pay rate and agency commission?**

A5 As answer 1

**Q6 Based on the above information who are your current Off Framework agencies and how many shifts have been booked for each month from September 05 2019 to July 11, 2021?**

A6 As answer 1

**Q7 Can you please provide the charge rates for the below nursing / healthcare worker levels that Off Framework have been charging you since September 05 2019 to July 11, 2021?**

- l. RGNs (ward nurse) band 5
- m. RCNs band 5
- n. Healthcare assistance band 2
- o. RMNs band 5
- p. Specialist ITU nurses band 5 and 6
- q. CPNs band 6
- r. Scrub nurses band 5 and band 6
- s. ODP band 5 and 6
- t. Physiotherapist
- u. Speech therapist
- v. Paramedic band 5

A7 As answer 1

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

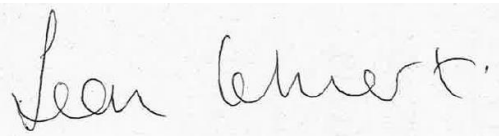
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**