



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-563

Date: 24th January 2023

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your emails dated 24th November and 5th January requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding nursing agency usage.

We responded via email informing you under section 12 exemption:

The authority can combine related requests received within a period of 60 consecutive days from:

- The same person or
- People who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign.

Your new reference number for both is 563-2223

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.

Request #1

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*, Group Deputy Director of Procurement
- 1b. Stephanie Albutt – Senior Sister Nurse Bank

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@uhn.nhs.uk 01782 715444

Stephanie.albutt@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 Yes

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 As of Current date, this information is not held as we have not received an invoice

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 3 RGN shifts

Request #2

Q1 From September 2022 to November 2022, please list the wards/departments you have requested shifts for off framework agencies in your Adult Nursing, Mental Health, Community Hospitals?

A1 3 off framework requests for County hospital

Q2 Please provide a list of off-framework agencies used by the trust in the past 6 months.

A2 Thornbury

Q3 Please provide a breakdown of the number of shifts covered by each off-framework agency and their average hourly charge rate for the following disciplines:

**Registered General Nurses (Adult & Paediatric),
Registered Mental Health Nurses and Healthcare Assistants.**

A3 3 shifts covered by Thornbury – Average hourly Charge rate £76.45

Note: UHNM is not a mental health Trust

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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.

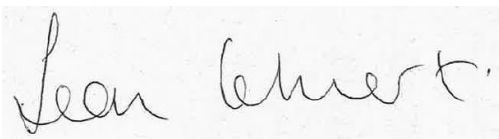
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

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