

Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-278

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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1st August 2023 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 (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 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 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:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publicationscheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

FOI ref 255-2122 (August), 009-2324 April, 549-2122 (February) 634-2223 (February) also note that UHNM regularly answer requests regarding 'off framework' and all our responses can be found at the above link: in addition.

178-2324  
170-2324  
021-2324

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

A2 As answer1

**Q3 Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 2 months at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHSFT?**

A3 As answer1

**Q4 How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between January 2022 – April 2022 (a) RGN's (b) Chemotherapy Nurses (c) RMN (d) Specialist RN (ITU) (e) Specialist RN (A&E) (f) Community Psychiatric nurse**

A4 As answer1

**Q5 Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 4, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between April 2023 – July 2023?**

A5 As answer1

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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.

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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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