



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-267

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Date: 13th August 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7th August 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Nursing Agency Usage.

UHNM responded to this FOI request on 17th July 2019 on Reference 166-1920 this request is identical. In accordance with Section 14 (2) of the FOI Act, Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

In addition to the above UHNM is applying 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: (June)

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/FOIdisclosurelog/Pages/default.aspx>

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 Sections 14 and 21 exemptions as detailed above.

Q2 Please can you provide the contact 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 April 2019 - June 2019: (a) RGN's (b) RCN's (c) RN's and (d) HealthCare Assistants (e) RMN (f) Specialist RN (ITU)

A3 As answer 1.

Q4 Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between April 2019 - June 2019?

A4 As answer 1

Q5 Since the start of January 2019 - 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 As answer 1

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 2019 - June 2019.

A6 As answer 1

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

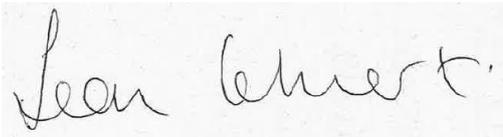
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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 676474.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert
Information Governance Manager