



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-437

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 6th October 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 A list of the OFF-framework agencies used by the Trust in the past 12 months'**

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) 413-2324 (August) 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 The average length of time a long-term agency placement is left vacant before being filled by the agencies who are ON framework in the past 12 months'**

A2 We don't have any formal long term agency placements

- Q3** How many long-term bookings and individual shifts have been placed through OFF-framework agencies in the past 12 months' (Please separate individual shifts and long-term placements)
- A3 As answer 1
- Q4** Average cost per hour for Band 5, 6 and 7 agency workers paid to OFF-framework agencies in the past 12 months'
- A4 As answer 1
- Q5** Who in the Trust has authority to approve the use of off-framework agencies (name and job title)
- A5 As answer 1
- Q6** If authority to use off-framework agencies in the Trust lies with a specific department i.e., temporary staffing/staffing solutions/agency bookings/NHSP or equivalents, then who in the Trust has the authority to override such decision made by that department (name and job title)
- A6 Only the CEO can authorise off framework agency usage

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours,



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