



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-413

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Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 27th September 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding agency.

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 Please can you provide the following information in relation to your expenditure over the last financial year (2022/23) of Medical Locum Doctors via off-framework suppliers:

- 1) Number of hours filled?
- 2) Broken down by grade/specialty?
- 3) Off-framework agencies used during this period including the total spend for each agency?
- 4) Highest off-framework charge rate (including detail of grade/specialty)?
- 5) Average off-framework charge rates per grade/specialty (if available)?
- 6) Contact details for the member of staff / department responsible for on-boarding Doctor agencies?

A1 None- therefore this question is not applicable

**Q2 On top of the above. Please could you clarify the below Nursing information;
In the last 60 days how many hours has your trust utilised Thornbury Nursing Services for agency nurses?**

A2 Zero

Q3 In the last 60 days which wards, departments were these TNS requests for?

A3 Not applicable

Q4 Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by Thornbury Nursing Services?

- A4 Not applicable
- Q5 In the last 60 days has your Trust utilised any other off framework provider for agency nurses? If yes, please name these providers.**
- A5 Nothing via nurse bank
- Q6 Please can you confirm how many shifts have been released/allocated to off framework agencies within the last 60 days?**
- A6 Nothing via nurse bank
- Q7 In the last 60 days which wards, or departments were these off framework requests for?**
- A7 Not applicable
- Q8 Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by off framework agencies within the last 60 days?**
- A8 Not applicable
- Q9 How many long-term lines of work or block bookings are currently being supplied by off framework agencies?**
- A9 Zero
- Q10 Which off framework agencies is the trust currently utilising for Nursing vacancies and what is the spend on these agencies year to date?**
- A10 Not applicable
- Q11 What is the average charge for both RMN's and RGN's from off framework agencies?**
- A11 Not applicable
- Q12 Who at director level is responsible for patient safety and staffing levels?**
- A12 Ann-Marie Riley
- Q13 Who at temporary staffing is responsible for onboarding new agencies and could you provide me with their contact details?**
- A13 Stephanie.albutt@uhnm.nhs.uk for Nursing only
- Q14 Can you confirm if your Off-Framework agency suppliers list (PSL) is always looking to onboard new agencies. If not, what dates does the Trust review this list and look to bring new agencies onto It?**

A14 No off framework PSL used within the Trust, We are not looking to on-board any off framework agencies for nursing

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Yours,



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