



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-582

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1st December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding agencies

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 Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums?

A1 Nathan Joy -Johnson* -Group Director of Procurement (This is managed by Supplies Dept)

Q2 Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:

- (a) Physiotherapy
- (b) Occupational Therapy

A2 For both professions it is Noeleen Hellis*/Jane Teasdale*/Clare Johnson*

Q3 Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.

A3 All UHNM emails are in the following format: firstname.lastname@uhnm.nhs.uk

Q4 How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?

- (a) Physiotherapy
- (b) Occupational Therapy

A4 See below:

Physiotherapist Agency - £15,151
Occupational Therapist Agency – £1,590

Q5 Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists – please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023.

A5 See below:
Your world (all physio shifts)
Maxxima (all occupational therapy shifts)

Q6 Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?

A6 UHNM does not use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists

Q7 What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?

A7 £30.16/hourly

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Yours,



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