



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-792

Date: 20th February 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 19th February 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding excluded from care.

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 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Trust regarding.

The amount of:

1. How many RGN/RMN shifts have been filled using an “Off Framework” Agency between December 1st 2023, and February 1st 2024.

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.

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Q2 Which “Off Framework” Nursing agencies have been used by the Trust between December 1st 2023, and February 1st 2024.

A2 As answer 1

Q3 A break down of shifts filled by each “Off Framework” agency between December 1st 2023, and February 1st 2024. E.g. 3 RMN Shifts and 5 RGN shifts were filled by X agency.

A3 As answer 1

Q4 The total cost for each individual “Off Framework” nursing agency between December 1st 2023, and February 1st 2024.

A4 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.

Yours,



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