

FOI REF: 22/105

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1: Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust?

The Head of Procurement is not responsible for approving agency usage, the people responsible for approving agency usage are Jenny Darwood, Associate Director Flexible Staffing Resources and Laura Ransom, Temporary Workforce and Volunteer Services Manager.

2: Who are the managers responsible for agency approval for Pathology/Laboratory agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:

a. Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry, and Blood Transfusion):

Jenny Darwood
Associate Director Flexible Staffing Resources

Laura Ransom.
Temporary Workforce and Volunteer Services Manager

b. Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):

Jenny Darwood
Associate Director Flexible Staffing Resources

Laura Ransom.
Temporary Workforce and Volunteer Services Manager

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c. Cellular Pathology

Jenny Darwood
Associate Director Flexible Staffing Resources

Laura Ransom.
Temporary Workforce and Volunteer Services Manager

3: Please provide the contact numbers and email addresses in relation to question 1 and 2.

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4: Have you used off-framework agency staff for Biomedical Science/Pathology between January 2021 and January 2022?

No.

5: How much was your off-framework agency spend for each of the following departments between January 2021 and January 2022:

- a. **Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry and Blood Transfusion):**
- b. **Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):**
- c. **Cellular Pathology**

Not Applicable.

6: How many roles were filled by off-framework agency workers between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

None.

7: How many unfilled roles did you have between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

Please see the table below for Biomedical Scientist vacancies between January 2021 and January 2022:

Month	Blood Science Vacancies (fte)	Infections Science Vacancies (fte)	Cellular Pathology Vacancies (fte)
Jan 22	3.6	-	-
Dec 21	2.0	-	-
Nov 21	1.4	-	1.1
Oct 21	2.8	-	1.5
Sep 21	3.7	-	1.5
Aug 21	4.9	-	3.6
Jul 21	3.5	1.3	2.0
Jun 21	0.6	1.3	-
May 21	-	1.1	0.6
Apr 21	-	1.1	0.9
Mar 21	-	1.1	0.9
Feb 21	-	-	0.0
Jan 21	-	-	-

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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