

FOI REF: 23/615

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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:

**Please provide me with the details below:**

- 1) **A list of the OFF-framework agencies used by the trust in the past 12 months.**

[Hunter Healthcare.](#)

- 2) **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.**

[We do not hold this information.](#)

- 3) **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.)**

[1 booking, 115 shifts.](#)

- 4) **Average cost per hour for Band 5, 6 and 7 agency workers paid to OFF-framework agencies in the past 12 months.**

[No non framework booked at these bands.](#)

- 5) **Who in the trust has authority to approve the use of off-framework agencies (name and job title).**

[Damien Reid](#)  
[Chief Finance Officer](#)

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- 6) **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).**

Not applicable.

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

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Yours faithfully

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