

FOI REF: 24/241

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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 can you provide me with the information below:

1) What framework are you associated with for sterile service agency supply?

RM6277

2) Who is responsible for agency usage On-framework and Off-framework in the Sterile Services / Decontamination department at all hospitals associated with the Trust?

Laura Ransom
Temporary Workforce and Volunteer Services Manager

3) Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in questions 1 and 2.

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

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4) Have you used Off-framework agency staff between March 2023 and March 2024 in Sterile Services?

No.

5) How much was your Off-framework agency spend for Sterile Services between March 2023 and March 2024?

Not applicable.

6) Do you currently outsource your Sterile Services / Decontamination department, if yes, who do you outsource it to?

No.

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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