

FOI REF: 24/281

23rd April 2024

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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) a) **Who is the head of procurement that is responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?**

Procurement is not responsible for approving agency usage.

- b) **Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?**

Laura Ransom
Temporary Workforce and Volunteer Services Manager.

- 2) **Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both questions 1a) and 1b).**

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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- 3) a) **Can you please confirm the names of all OFF-Framework agencies currently supplying to your trust for the following staffing groups:**

We are not using any OFF-framework agencies.

- i) **Registered General Nurses (RGNs) & Registered Mental-health Nurses (RMNs).**

Not applicable.

- ii) **Accident & Emergency (A&E)/Intensive Therapy Unit (ITU) Nurses.**

Not applicable.

- iii) **Prison nurses.**

Not applicable.

- iv) **Theatre Nurses.**

Not applicable.

- b) **Secondly, Can you please confirm the volume of supply, by number of shifts filled and & shift type, by each OFF-Framework agency during October 1st 2023 – February 29th 2024.**

None.

- 4) **How much was your OFF-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between January 2024 – April 2024:**

a) RGN's.	£0.00
b) Chemotherapy Nurses.	£0.00
c) RMN.	£0.00
d) ITU Nurse.	£0.00
e) A&E nurse.	£0.00
f) Prison Nurses.	£0.00
g) Theatre nurses.	£0.00
h) Neonatal nurses.	£0.00

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

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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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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