

FOI REF: 25/290

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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 Sterile Services agency usage?**

[Temporary Workforce Services](#) are responsible for approving all 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. **Have you used agency staff to support your sterile services department in the past 6 months?**

[No.](#)

3. **What is the total spend on agency or third-party staff for sterile services over the last 6 months?**

[Not applicable.](#)

4. **Which agencies or third-party providers have supplied sterile services staff during this period?**

[Not applicable.](#)

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5. **How many agency sterile services staff (e.g. technicians, supervisors) have worked per week over the last 6 months?**

Not applicable.

6. **What roles or bandings have agency staff filled within the sterile services team during this period?**

Not applicable.

7. **Are there any active contracts, frameworks, or preferred supplier agreements in place for sourcing sterile services staff through agencies? If so, please list the current suppliers.**

No.

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

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Yours sincerely

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