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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 32670 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Agency Spend

Your request is set out below:

1. Can you please provide me with the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for agreeing temporary nursing agency contracts for your Trust?

There is no-one currently responsible for approving usage, Procurement will assist with accessing frameworks and to approve any rates card variations.

2. Please list your current employment agencies that you are using, how often you are currently using temporary agencies for nursing staff. Answer: The nursing agencies we currently have listed and able to supply are:

We use agencies via NHSP

3. Along with the above information can you please provide details on how often this is reviewed and the trusts current/future plans for recruitment agencies?

Our contract with NHSP expires in March 2024 with the option to extend for 24 months.

4. From March 2022 to June 2022, which clinical areas have you requested for shifts for off framework agencies (Adult Nursing, Mental Health, Community Hospitals)? [Please break down numbered shift requests for each area.]

Acute Nursing – **0 number of requests**

Mental Health – **0 number of requests**

Community Hospitals – **0 number of requests**

5. Finally if you can also provide details of the names of the decision makers who ultimately decide which agencies the Trust use?

There is no-one in particular, this would just go via Workforce and Procurement for Rate Card approval on NHSP

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati
Chief Executive – Helen Greatorex

I confirm that the information above/attached completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department