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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014867 - Staff Bank

Following up on the survey that was conducted by NHS Improvement in July 2017 to find out where trusts were using local staff banks, I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to understand where your trust is now in terms of the progress it has made in relation to having already established or is working towards establishing a collaborative bank across your Integrated Care System ('ICS') or Sustainability Transformation Partnership ('STP') footprint.

As stated in NHS Improvement's Making effective use of staff banks toolkit, published in December 2017, there is no 'one size fits all' model for collaborative banks. They can either cover a specific staff group or all staff groups. They can stretch across two trusts or as wide as an STP or region. They can be a shared digital platform or a shared back office, e.g. payroll or a hub and spoke model or a shared pool of workers or a fully integrated staff bank.

However, rather than list several questions of you, I would instead appreciate it if you would please simply confirm by means of a statement.

The Trust is working collaboratively, but is looking to do so over the next few years with other Trusts across the STP Footprint.