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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Questions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & 8 - Agency usage is currently banned for all but medics and very few authorised nursing areas, the Trust only uses agencies in extenuating circumstances and where authorised in order to support our financial plans and our patient experience. We have recruited significant numbers of additional staff and are making progress with reducing nursing vacancies.

The Trust's Human Resources Department e-mail address is dgft.generalhrqueries@nhs.net

1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for the Physiotherapy department?
2. Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Physiotherapy department at all hospitals associated with the Trust for the following areas within Physiotherapy?
 - Musculoskeletal
 - Community
 - Rehabilitation
 - Neurology
 - Paediatrics
 - Trauma and Orthopaedics
 - Acute Medical/Surgical/inpatient
 - Respiratory
3. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in question 1 and 2.
4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Physiotherapy from June 2022-June 2023 - £15,476
5. What agencies were providing the Off-Framework services. - Blackstone Recruitment Limited & Coyle Personnel Ltd
6. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for the Occupational Therapy department?
7. Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Occupational Therapy department at all hospitals associated with the Trust for the following areas within Occupational Therapy:
 - Acute Medical / Surgical
 - Community
 - Neuro / Stroke Rehab

- Elderly Care
- Mental Health
- Paediatric

8. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in question 6 and 7.

9. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Occupational Therapy from June 2022 - June 2023
- £10,429

10. What agencies were providing the Off-Framework services. - Blackstone Recruitment Limited, Amare Health Ltd & Care4Health Ltd

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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