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Date: 26/07/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Please complete the table below relating to capital staffing.

Response

<u>Questions</u>	<u>Responses</u>
Since December 2023, which Nurses Shifts has the Trust struggled to fill? Please consider the following Specialities for this question: A&E Nurses, NICU, ICU, Midwives, Paediatric Nurses & General Nurses?	Paediatrics/Neonates and Theatres.
Do approved Framework agencies approve or confirm Shifts directly with the matron Nurses or any senior nurses directly in the wards with the agencies (Within any of the wards)? If, yes which wards book Nurses directly with the agencies & please provide these Nurses Full names?	N/A we do not use agency nurses.
When does Temporary Staffing get approval for "Escalated rates" for Ad-hoc Shifts? Please provide time scale leading up to the Shift date	N/A we do not use agency nurses.
When does Temporary Staffing get approval for "Escalated rates" for long term Agency Nurse Bookings? Please	N/A we do not use agency nurses.

provide time scale leading up to the booking?	
Who in the trust has the authority to approve the use of Escalated rates or break glass rate for the Approval Framework agencies, please provide Full Name & Email address?	N/A we do not use agency nurses.
Please provide names of those agencies that are “breaching NHSI Rates” by being allowed to book Nurses & Midwives not within the NHSI capped rates?	N/A we do not use agency nurses.
If an Approved framework agency can demonstrate their ability to provide Nurses & meet all the requirement with the possibility of using the alternative route of escalated or Break Glass rates, would Temporary staffing add that agency to their Tier 1 Suppliers list?	N/A we do not use agency nurses.
Who is the head of Procurement responsible for approving “Approved Framework agencies” to join their Tier 1 Suppliers list to provide Nurses & Midwives? Please provide Full name & contact address email.	N/A we do not use agency nurses.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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

Yours sincerely

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