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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012424 – Agency staff in pharmacy**

**The names of the agency's that provide the pharmacy department with agency staff?**

Sensible Staffing  
Apex International Recruitment Agency

**Out of those agencies which are “on framework agencies” and which are “off framework agencies”?**

Sensible staffing is an on Framework Agency

**What policies/procedures do you have in place to ensure you are using approved framework agencies within the pharmacy department?**

We use locums infrequently. When needed they are usually with short notice. Our process is that in the event of needing to secure a locum we contact a range of agencies for information on who is available at the grade we require with the appropriate experience to provide safe effective care. We then take the most cost effective option considering the experience offered. Our policy is to use framework agencies where possible and always as first choice