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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014376 – Data Collection to NHS Improvement

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request.

I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and it is the departments responsibility to provide the information I require.

If you need further clarification please contact me via email, and ideally within 48 hours as per the relevant guidance.

I would like to request the following information:
From March 2017 until July 2018 inclusive:

1) Please disclose your weekly collection sheets of data sent to NHS Improvement relating to temporary staffing. The full sheet is sought but to aid you in locating the correct information these include number of vacancies, agency fill rate, number of workers on more than £120 per hour, and since October 2017, this also includes the same data for bank staff . Please disclose both the Agency and Bank information.

The weekly collection template is designed to aid the upload of data NHSI via an online portal. Not all information on the template is uploaded to NHSI and actual use of some sections of the template are not mandated. Information is sourced from a number of departments and in some instances entered directly into the portal. Please find attached the past submissions which are available to us via the NHSI archive. We are in the process of locating all other submissions and/or information used in submissions prior to this time

2) How is this information sent to NHS Improvement? If by email to which email address is it sent? - The information is supplied via an upload to an online portal.

3) Do you use a Direct Engagement Company, if so please confirm the name of the company used, who handled the negotiation. - Yes, 247 Time, business case approved by Directors

4) What is your Trust's individual agency expenditure ceiling from NHS Improvement. - £6.183m

5) Does the trust have concerns that this ceiling is unachievable? - Yes

For the avoidance of doubt, if you have switched to monthly data collection at any point please treat references to 'weekly' in the request as 'monthly' from that point onwards.