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Date: 21st December 2023

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums?

2. Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:

(a) Physiotherapy

(b) Occupational Therapy

3. Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.

4.. How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?

(a) Physiotherapy

(b) Occupational Therapy

5. Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists – please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023.

6. Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?

7: What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?

Response

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| 1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums? | The Head of procurement does not authorise the operational use of any agency staff. Procurement leads and the Trust E-Rostering and Temporary Staffing Lead would select an agency/framework whose services we may then choose to employ when the operational need dictates (subject to Trust policies and procedures). Please note that we presently do not have agencies currently engaged to provide Physiotherapists or Occupational Therapists. |
| 2. Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust: | |
| (a) Physiotherapy | We presently do not have agencies currently engaged to provide Physiotherapists or Occupational Therapists. |
| (b) Occupational Therapy | We presently do not have agencies currently engaged to provide Physiotherapists or Occupational Therapists. |
| 3. Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2. | We presently do not have agencies currently engaged to provide Physiotherapists or Occupational Therapists. |
| 4.. How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present? | |
| (a) Physiotherapy | £4,088 <i>This was in January 2023 as a spend cap on agency staff was in place February 2023.</i> |
| (b) Occupational Therapy | £0 |
| 5. Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists – please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023. | No agencies currently engaged to provide Physiotherapists or Occupational Therapists. Since Jan 23 92% of Physiotherapist agency supplied by Your World Recruitment, 8% by Blackstone Recruitment Ltd. |
| 6. Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one? | Yes - Allocate Staff Direct |
| 7: What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023? | £33.35 |

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

Yours sincerely

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