

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.1107**  
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Thank you for your email received 22 February 2022 requesting information regarding Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

**Summary of your original request:**

**1: Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust?**

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

- **Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry, and Blood Transfusion):**
- **Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):**
- **Cellular Pathology**

**3: Please provide the contact numbers and email addresses in relation to question 1 and 2.**

**4: Have you used off-framework agency staff for Biomedical Science/Pathology between January 2021 and January 2022?**

**5: How much was your off-framework agency spend for each of the following departments between January 2021 and January 2022:**

- (a) Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry and Blood Transfusion):**
- (b) Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):**
- (c) Cellular Pathology**

**6: How many roles were filled by off-framework agency workers between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?**

**7: How many unfilled roles did you have between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?**

The Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust does not provide Biomedical Science/Pathology services; therefore we do not hold any information pertinent to your request.

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