

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.243
Released – 5 December 2022

Thank you for your email received 24 November 2022 requesting information regarding agency usage.

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

Summary of your original request:

1.(a) Who is the head of procurement at this trust and who is responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?

(b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?

2. Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)

It is Trust policy to not release names and contact details of staff below Executive Director Level as this constitutes personal information which is exempt under Section 40(2) in conjunction with Section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to 'Personal Information'.

An excerpt of the relevant Freedom of Information legislation can be found below:

Section 40 – Personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

(a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and

(b) either the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.

(3a) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act

(a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or

(b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

We can confirm that the Executive Director with overall responsibility for Procurement is Gordon Flack - Director of Finance, Gordon.Flack@nhs.net

The Executive Director with overall responsibility for temporary staffing is Victoria Robinson-Collins, victoria.robinson-collins@nhs.net

3. Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 3 months at this trust? –

Yes

Chair John Goulston Chief Executive Mairead McCormick

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4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between August 2022 – October 2022

(a) RGN's £45,956.84

(b) Registered Midwives £0

(c) RMN £0

(d) Specialist RN (ITU) £0

(e) Specialist RN (A&E) £0

5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between August 2022 – October 2022? 0