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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5180

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 16th May 2022.

Your request was as follows:

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

Steve Doran is the Head of Procurement for Health Procurement Liverpool (Health Procurement Liverpool is an alliance between Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool Heart & Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust). Responsibilities for managing Nursing agency contracts are delegated throughout the Procurement team across the alliance.

Approval Process is as follows;

Divisional budget holders (and then Deputy Director of Finance, Director of Finance etc. depending on value and as per Trust Standing Financial Instructions/Scheme of Reservation and Delegation) are responsible for approving expenditure.

Procurement are responsible for the sourcing of providers as per NHSE/I Agency Expenditure guidance.

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

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) holds the information you have requested. However, I am unable to provide you with that information as I consider that the following exemptions apply to it.

Section 21 - Information already reasonably accessible to you

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you have requested is published on The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) website, under organisational charts. Please use the following link:

<http://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/166/corporate.html>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test. This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

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



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3. Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 4 months?

N/A - no Off-framework agencies used.

4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between January 2022 - April 2022 (a) RGN's (b) RCN's (c) RMN (d) Specialist RN (ITU) (e) Specialist RN (A&E) (f) HCA

N/A - no Off-framework agencies used.

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

N/A - no Off-framework agencies used.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5180 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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