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RE: Freedom of Information Request

7th December 2023

Dear

With reference to your request for information received on 3rd October 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. Over the last financial year, how many Nurses, Drs and AHPs have been recruited internationally?

Nursing -76Doctors -43AHP's -3

- 2. How many international nurses, Drs and AHPs were recruited via an agency? Over the last financial year 2022 – 2023 Nursing – 76 Doctors – 7 AHP's – 0
- 3. How did the trust engage with these agencies (direct award, Call off agreement, tender, mini competition)?

Nursing – Direct engagement with the agency. Doctors – Mini competition. AHP's – N/A

4. Which agencies were used over the last financial year for international recruitment, and were any of them on an exclusive basis?

Nursing – Kings Commercial Services, part of Kings College Hospitals. Doctors – Remedium Partners on an exclusive basis. AHP's – N/a $\,$

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5. How many vacancies do you currently have for international Nurses, Drs and AHPs?

Nursing – 130 FTE Vacancies, 70 of which will be allocated to international nurses.

- Doctors 0 Specifically for International Doctors, all vacancies are open to all candidates.
- AHP's 0 Specifically for International AHP's, all vacancies are open to all candidates.

6. What is the budget for international recruitment over and above any grant funding? Nursing – Funding is national monies.

£71,000.00 Over and above Grant funding.

Doctors - £207,700.00

AHP's – There is no specific budget.

7. Who within your Trust is responsible for international recruitment?

Nursing – Yvonne Simpson, Associate Director of Nursing.

Doctors – Medical Workforce Team is responsible for all Doctors recruitment including international.

AHP's – Recruitment Team

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Team

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