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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Capital Staffing

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

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.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
Since December 2023, which Nurses Shifts has the Trust struggled to fill ? Please consider the following Specialities for this question : A&E Nurses, NICU,ICU, Midwives, Paediatric Nurses & General Nurses?	None	No		
Do approved Framework agencies approve/confirm Shifts directly with the matrons/senior nurses directly in the wards with the agencies (Within any wards)? If, yes which wards book Nurses directly with the agencies & please provide these Nurses Full names	No	No		
When does Temporary Staffing get approval for “Escalated rates” for Ad-hoc Shifts ? Please provide time scale leading up to the Shift	Vacancies released to PSL agencies only as per pre agreed cascade timescales	No		
When does Temporary Staffing get approval for “Escalated rates” for Long term Agency Nurse Bookings? Please provide time scale leading up to the booking?	Released to PSL agencies only as per pre agreed cascade timescales	No		
Who in the trust has the authority to approve the use of Escalated rates or break glass rate for the Approval Framework agencies, Please provide Full Name & Email address ?	N/A - Only PSL agencies used with pre-agreed rates and cascade timescales.	No		
Please provide names of those agencies that are “breaching NHSI Rates” by being allowed to book Nurses & Midwives not within the NHSI capped rates ?	Only PSL agencies are used with pre-agreed rates based on cascade position.	No		

If an Approved framework agency can demonstrate their ability to provide Nurses & meet the requirement with the possibility of using the alternative route of escalated or Break Glass rates would Temp staffing add that agency to their Tier1 Suppliers list	Current needs are being met by those agencies already on the Trust's PSL and the Trust is not currently looking to add to that PSL.	No		
Who is the head of Procurement responsible for approving "Approved Framework agencies" to join their Tier 1 Suppliers list to provide Nurses & Midwives ? Please provide Full name & contact address email?	The Trust is not currently looking to add any agencies to it's PSL, therefore there would be no requirement for approval to do so.	No		

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 faithfully

Information Governance Team

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