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**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

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**27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to your request for information received on 27<sup>th</sup> September 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:

**Please can you provide the following information in relation to your expenditure over the last financial year (2022/23) of Medical Locum Doctors via off-framework suppliers:**

- 1) **Number of hours filled?**  
0
- 2) **Broken down by grade/specialty?**  
N/A
- 3) **Off-framework agencies used during this period including the total spend for each agency?**  
N/A
- 4) **Highest off-framework charge rate (including detail of grade/specialty)?**  
N/A
- 5) **Average off-framework charge rates per grade/specialty (if available)?**  
N/A
- 6) **Contact details for the member of staff / department responsible for on-boarding Doctor agencies?**  
[sfh-tr.temporary.staffingoffice@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.temporary.staffingoffice@nhs.net)

On top of the above. Please could you clarify the below Nursing information:

- 1) **In the last 60 days how many hours has your trust utilised Thornbury Nursing Services for agency nurses?**  
During the period 01/08/23 – 30/09/23 TNS have filled 11.5 hours.

## Home, Community, Hospital.

- 2) **In the last 60 days which wards, departments were these TNS requests for?**  
NICU
- 3) **Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by Thornbury Nursing Services?**  
1
- 4) **In the last 60 days has your Trust utilised any other off framework provider for agency nurses? If yes, please name these providers.**  
No
- 5) **Please can you confirm how many shifts have been released/allocated to off framework agencies within the last 60 days?**  
1
- 6) **In the last 60 days which wards, or departments were these off framework requests for?**  
NICU
- 7) **Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by off framework agencies within the last 60 days?**  
1
- 8) **How many long-term lines of work or block bookings are currently being supplied by off framework agencies?**  
0
- 9) **Which off framework agencies is the trust currently utilising for Nursing vacancies and what is the spend on these agencies year to date?**  
Thornbury Nursing Services are used only for short notice requirements, total 23/24 spend to date £4,020.00.
- 10) **What is the average charge for both RMN's and RGN's from off framework agencies?**  
Section 21 exempts information that is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The information you require is available here: <https://thornbury-nursing.com>
- 11) **Who at director level is responsible for patient safety and staffing levels?**  
Chief Nurse – Section 21 exempts information that is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The information you require is available here: <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/our-board-of-directors/>
- 12) **Who at temporary staffing is responsible for onboarding new agencies and could you provide me with their contact details?**  
[sfh-tr.temporary.staffingoffice@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.temporary.staffingoffice@nhs.net)
- 13) **Can you confirm if your Off-Framework agency suppliers list (PSL) is always looking to onboard new agencies. If not, what dates does the Trust review this list and look to bring new agencies onto It?**  
The Trust does not operate an off-framework PSL and only use Thornbury Nursing Services by exception.

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](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours sincerely

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