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RE: Freedom of Information Request

8th December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 1st December 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. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums?
 - All enquiries should be directed to sfh-tr.temporary.staffingoffice@nhs,net
- 2. Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:
 - a) Physiotherapy
 - b) Occupational Therapy
 - All enquiries should be directed to sfh-tr.temporary.staffingoffice@nhs,net
- 3. Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.
 - All enquiries should be directed to sfh-tr.temporary.staffingoffice@nhs,net
- 4. How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 present?
 - a) Physiotherapy
 - b) Occupational Therapy

Not accounted for separately. Jan 23 – Oct 23 total agency expenditure across all Therapy service lines was £102,005 excluding vat.

5. Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists – please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023.

Not accounted for separately supply split across all Therapy service lines was as follows:

Blackstone Recruitment 32.5% Globe Locums 53.6% Maxxima 0.3%

Home, Community, Hospital.



Sanctuary Personnel 8.1% Your World Recruitment 5.5%

6. Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?

Yes – 247Time StaffDirect

7. What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?

Not accounted for separately. Highest rate for any Therapist since Jan 23 was £36.73 per hour.

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.

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 faithfully

Information Governance Team

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