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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4856

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 18th August 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1.

a) Who is the head of procurement at your Trust responsible for approving nursing healthcare workers agency use?

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 FOI disclosure log - FOI 4813 which was requested in June 2021. Please use the following link:

<https://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/FOI/4077/.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.

b) Who is the temporary/ flexible Staff only responsible for the management of this service?

As above.

2.

Please provide the contract information in relation to both question 1 a) and b)

As above.

3.

Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between September 05 2019 to July 11, 2021?

- a) RGNs (ward nurse) band 5
- b) RCNs band 5
- c) Healthcare assistance band 2
- d) RMNs band 5
- e) specialist ITU nurses band 5 and 6
- f) CPNs band 6
- g) Scrub nurses band 5 and band 6
- h) ODP band 5 and band 6
- i) Physioterapist
- j) Speech Therapist
- k) Paramedic band 5

As above.

4.

Following the same breakdown of staff groups in question three how many of framework shifts have been unfilled between September 05 2019 to July 11, 2021?

As above.

5.

Since the start of January 2019 to present please provide the current charge rate from Off Framework agencies nursing / healthcare worker providers a clear breakdown of the workers pay rate and agency commission?

As above.

6.

Based on the above information who are your current Off Framework agencies and how many shifts have been booked

for each month from September 05 2019 to July 11, 2021?

[As above.](#)

7.

Can you please provide the charge rates for the below nursing / healthcare worker levels that Off Framework have been charging you since September 05 2019 to July 11, 2021?

a) RGNs (ward nurse) band 5

b) RCNs band 5

c) Healthcare assistance band 2

d) RMNs band 5

e) specialist ITU nurses band 5 and 6

f) CPNs band 6

g) Scrub nurses band 5 and band 6

h) ODP band 5 and 6

i) Physiotherapist

j) Speech therapist

k) Paramedic band 5

[As above.](#)

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 4856 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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