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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4813**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 16th July 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1.
- a) Who is the Head of Procurement at your Trust responsible for approving nursing agency use?
- b) Who is/are the Temporary/Flexible Staff Managers responsible for the management of this service?

(a) Steve Doran is the Head of Procurement. Divisional budget holders (and then Deputy Director of Finance, Director of Finance etc. depending on value and as per Trust Standing Financial Instructions/Scheme of Reservation and Delegation) are responsible for approving expenditure. Procurement are responsible for the sourcing of providers as per NHSE/I Agency Expenditure guidance.

(b) The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email [enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

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 organisational charts. Please use the following link:

<http://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/166/corporate.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.

2. Please provide the contact information (direct phone number and email address) in relation to both question 1 a) and b)

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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
- h.  ODPs
- i.  Theatre Nurse Band 5 and Band 6
- j.  A&E Nurses Band 5 and Band 6
- k.  General Practitioners (GP)
- l.  Advance Nurse Practitioners
- m.  Nurse Practitioners
- n.  Advance Clinical Practitioners

N/A - No Off-framework agencies used.

4.  Following the same breakdown of staff groups in question 3 how many off framework shifts have been unfilled between September 05 2019 to July 11, 2021?

N/A - No Off-framework agencies used.

5. Since the start of January 2019 to present please provide the current charge rate from Off Framework agencies Nursing providers a clear breakdown of the workers pay rate and agency commission?

N/A - No Off-framework agencies used.

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?

N/A - No Off-framework agencies used.

7. Can you please provide the charge rates for the below nursing 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
- h.  ODPs
- i.  Physiotherapists
- j.  Radiographers
- k.  General Practitioners (GP)
- l.  Advance Nurse Practitioners
- m.  Nurse Practitioners
- n.  Advance Clinical Practitioners

N/A - No Off-framework agencies used.

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 4813 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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