

Date: Monday, 22nd August 2022
Our Ref: MB/SH FOI 5298

Sid Watkins Building
Lower Lane
Fazakerley
Liverpool L9 7BB
Tel: 01515253611
Fax: 01515295500
Direct Line: 01515563038

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5298

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 05th August 2022.

Your request was as follows:

1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Sterile Services at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust?

[Katie Tootill Hread of Procurement, Procurement is not responsible for approving framework use, the Theatre team would determine any agency support required.](#)

2. Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Sterile Services/Decontamination department at all hospitals associated with the Trust?

[Decontamination Lead/Instrument Manager.](#)

3. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in questions 1 and 2.

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

4. Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2021 - March 2022 in Sterile Services?

[No off-framework agency staff between March 2021 - March 2022 in Sterile Services have been employed.](#)

5. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Sterile Services between August 2021 and August 2022?

[N/A](#)

6. Do you currently outsource your Sterile Services/Decontamination department, if yes, who do you outsource it to?

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust use an offsite service called Steris Instrument Management Service.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

Re-Use of Public Sector Information

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however the Trust reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

Further information can be found at www.opsi.gov.uk where a sample license terms and fees can be found with guidance on copyright and publishing notes and a Guide to Best Practice and regulated advice and case studies, at www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm

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 5298 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

Mike Burns

Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information