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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5712**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 27th April 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1.  Which off framework agencies are used for non-clinical vacancies?
2.  On a month by month basis what was your off-framework agency spend for the last 12 months for nurses
3.  On a month by month basis what was your off-framework agency spend for the last 12 months for doctors
4.  On a month by month basis what was your off-framework agency spend for the last 12 months for band 8s
5.  On a month by month basis what was your off-framework agency spend for the last 12 months for band 9s
6.  On a month by month basis what was your off-framework agency spend for the last 12 months for very senior managers?
7.  Which off frame work agencies supplied nurses in 2020, 2021 and 2022
8.  What is the average length of a contract for a band 8 placed through an off framework agency
9.  What is the average length of a contract for a band 9 placed through an off framework agency
10.  Total off framework spend in 2020, 2021, and 2022
11.  Total agency spend for band 8s in 2020, 2021 and 2022 through framework
12.  Total agency spend for band 9s in 2020, 2021 and 2022 through framework
13.  Total agency spend for VSMs in 2020, 2021 and 2022 through framework
14.  Who is responsible for approving the use of agencies for agency staff? Please provide their email address and contact number
15.  What was your off-framework agency spend for fixed term contracts (not ad-hoc shifts) in 2020, 2021, and 2022 split between clinical and non-clinical
16.  What is the process for recruiting interim very senior managers? Who is responsible for that recruitment?
17.  What was the agency spend for VSMs for 2020, 2021 and 2022
18.  Do you have an off-framework audit pack?
19.  What are the compliance requirements for off-framework agencies - split between clinical and non-clinical

1 - I can confirm that the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not use any off framework agencies.

2 - N/A

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11 - N/A

12 - N/A

13 - N/A

14 - Workforce Procurement Team - 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 [wcft.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:wcft.enquiries@nhs.net) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

15 - N/A

16 - The process and the person was dependent on the circumstances.

17 - N/A

18 - N/A

19 - N/A

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

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Yours sincerely

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