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Our Ref: MB/SH FOI 5885

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5885

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 17th August 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1.(a) Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?

(b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trusts Workforce Procurement Team are responsible for approving Nursing agency usage and managing the service.](#)

2. Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (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 \[wcfte.enquiries@nhs.net\]\(mailto:wcfte.enquiries@nhs.net\) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.](#)

3. Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 3 months?

[The WCFT do not use off-framework agency staff.](#)

4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between 31st January 2023 - 31st July 2023 (a) RGN's (b) Registered Midwives (c) RMN's (d) ITU Nurses (e) A&E Nurses (f) Community psychiatric nurses

[The WCFT do not use off-framework agency staff.](#)

5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between 31st January 2023 - 31st July 2023

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5885 in any future communications.

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Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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