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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6008

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 26th October 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1. How many hours were worked by temporary staff within Allied Health Professionals (AHP) and Health Science Services (HSS) over the past year?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) had an OT locum from 25.9.23 who is still with the Trust. This equates to 5 weeks, 187.5 hours total upto 28.10.23. The Trust have had no other locum/bank staff in therapies.

2. Can you provide a breakdown of the hours worked by temporary staff within each of the divisions/departments under AHP/HSS?

Division = Neurology

Department = Occupational Therapy

187.5 hours upto 28.10.23

3. Do you have a Master Vendor or Neutral Vendor to source AHP/HSS agency staff? If so, who is that contract with and when does it end?

The WCFT do not have a Master Vendor or Neutral Vendor to source AHP/HSS agency staff.

4. Who, within the Trust, is responsible for managing that contract and what is their job title?

The WCFT Workforce Procurement Team.

5. Which agency is the largest supplier of AHP/HSS agency staff to the Trust?

The largest supplier varies. Piers Meadows is often used.

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

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Yours sincerely

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