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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210602.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to request the following information :

- 1. What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency Nursing and who is responsible for managing them?**

We do not recruit nurses via agencies.

- 2. Who is your primary point of contact for decision making regarding supply chain for Agency Nursing?**

We do not recruit nurses via agencies.

- 3. How many agencies are used to supply agency doctors?**

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- 4. Of these agencies, how many are off framework – please list them?**

None

- 5. Over the past 6 months, how many shifts have been filled via an off framework agency?**

None

- 6. Who is your highest paid agency nurse, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?**

We do not have nurses working via agencies.

7. Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of nurse over the past 6 months?

We do not have nurses working via agencies.

8. Do you have a Master Vendor for Agency Nurses In place? If so, who are they and when are they contracted until?

We do not recruit nurses via agencies.

9. If you have a Master Vendor in place, how many hours of work for Nursing have been booked outside of your Master Vendor arrangement in the past 6 months?

We do not recruit nurses via agencies.

10. If you have a Master Vendor in place, What % of bookings by your Master Vendor Provider are at the NHSI capped rates in the past 6 months?

We do not recruit nurses via agencies.

11. What is your total (£) off framework agency spend for Agency Nursing?

We do not recruit nurses via agencies.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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