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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/02/11.

You requested the following information:

Question 1)

Please can you outline your agency spend on staff such as ECPs and Paramedics for the year of 2016.

We do not currently use agency staff to fill ECP or Paramedic shifts

Question 2)

How many agencies did the ambulance Trust use in year 2016?

We used a total of 35 agencies in 2016 across the whole Trust to cover all areas.

Question 3)

Of all agencies used, were any off framework?

Yes, 12 of the 35 Agencies were not in an approved framework as set out in the Agency rules as set out by NHSI.

Question 4)

Please state the highest hourly rate that the ambulance trust was charged for a single shift in year 2016 for ECP or Paramedic

As stated in the response to question 1, we do not use agency staff to fill ECP or Paramedic shifts.

Question 5)

Who is the head of procurement at your Ambulance Trust who approves agency use?

All procurement of agency staff is subject to approval by both our Director of HR and Director of Finance before engagement of any new starters.

I hope you find this information useful.

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

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Yours sincerely

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