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Our Ref: FOI/04250

Thank you for your request concerning Mental Health Nursing Agency.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. (a) Who is the head of procurement at (NHS TRUST NAME) responsible for approving Mental Health Nursing agency usage?

Our Procurement Department is not responsible for approving Mental Health Nursing agency usage. This responsibility lies with our Manager of Temporary Staffing and our Heads of Nursing / Service Line Leads for each Strategic Business Unit.

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

Our Manager of Temporary Staffing.

2. Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)

All our management contact details can be obtained through [Binley's Database of NHS Management](#)¹.

3. Have you used Off-framework Mental Health Nursing agency staff in the last 7 months?

Yes, only under special authorisation; we do not use non approved agencies as a rule.

4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between September 2021 – January 2022 (a) RMN's (b) RNLD's (c) CPN's (d) CAMHS Nurse (e) MHCA?

We are unable to provide this information because we cannot separate off-framework agency spend from framework agency. In order to provide this spend would involve going through every single invoice and this would invoke S12 - cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

¹ Section 21 – Information is available through other means

5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between September 2021 – January 2022?

Status	Number of shifts
RMN	252
RNLD	0
CPN	0
CAMHS Nurses	43
MHCA	491
Total	786

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

