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Thank you for your request concerning off framework agencies.

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

1. A list of the OFF-framework agencies used by the trust in the past 12 months'

We have not worked off-framework in the past 12 months.

2. The average length of time a long-term agency placement is left vacant before being filled by the agencies who are ON framework in the past 12 months'

Not applicable.

3. How many long-term bookings and individual shifts have been placed through OFF-framework agencies in the past 12 months' (Please separate individual shifts and long-term placements)

Not applicable.

4. Average cost per hour for Band 5, 6 and 7 agency workers paid to OFF-framework agencies in the past 12 months'

Not applicable.

5. Who in the trust has authority to approve the use of off-framework agencies (name and job title)

The purpose of the Freedom of Information is to provide public access to information held by public authorities, not to be a directory enquiry service.

You may find "Google" helpful¹, alternatively our management contact details can be obtained through [Binley's Database of NHS Management](#)².

¹ Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance

² Section 21 – Information is available through other means

6. **If authority to use off-framework agencies in the trust lies with a specific department i.e., temporary staffing/staffing solutions/agency bookings/NHSP or equivalents, then who in the trust has the authority to override such decision made by that department (name and job title)**

Please see the answer to question 5.

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](#).

