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I am responding to your request for information received 1 June 2021. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours. When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take in order to assist you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the 18 hour time limit, please do get in touch

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Dear Whom It May Concern,

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

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

Answer: This information could be provided within the 18 hour time limit.

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

Answer: This information could be provided within the 18 hour time limit.

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

Answer: This information could be provided within the 18 hour time limit.

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

Answer: This information could be provided within the 18 hour time limit.

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

Answer: This information could be provided within the 18 hour time limit.

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

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to collate this information, staff would have to review over 2000 invoices to establish the highest paid agency nurse, their speciality and hourly charge.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

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

Answer: This information could be provided within the 18 hour time limit.

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

Question 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?

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Question 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?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 8, 9 and 10 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

The Trust does not hold this information and therefore it is not disclosable.

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

Answer: This information could be provided within the 18 hour time limit.