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I am responding to your request for information received 14 December 2023 and clarified on 15 December 2024. 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.

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,

## Information Rights Coordinator

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: <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

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## **Request:**

Question 1: How many hours were worked by temporary staff within Allied Health Professionals (AHP) and Health Science Services (HSS) over the past year?

Clarification: Roles included under Health Science Service would include;

- Biomedical Scientist
- Cytologists
- Healthcare Scientist
- Medical Technologists
- Optometrists
- Pathologists
- Pharmacy Services Staff
- Genetic Counsellor

Answer: Please see table below:

Staff Group	Total number of hours worked over the past year
AHP	3300 hours
HSS	4324 hours

- Question 2: Can you provide a breakdown of the hours worked by temporary staff within each of the divisions/departments under AHP/HSS?
- Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.
- Question 3: Do you have a Master Vendor or Neutral Vendor to source AHP/HSS agency staff?
- Answer: Yes.

If so, who is that contract with and when does it end?

Answer: The Trust's Master Vendor is Pulse Ingage.

The Trust has reviewed your question for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states: (1)Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here: Question 2c

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-11/anon\_response\_-\_\_foi\_\_da5046.pdf

Question 4: Who, within the Trust, is responsible for managing agency contracts and what is their job title?

Answer: Dr Mohit Ventakaram, Executive Director of Commercial Development.

Question 5: Which agency is the largest supplier of AHP/HSS agency staff to the Trust?

Answer: Pulse Ingage.



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