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Dear Ms Rayner,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Original Request and Response

Can you please provide me with the below information?

1.(a) Who is the head of procurement at Wirral Community NHSFT Birkenhead responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?

Response: The approval of Nursing Agency usage will vary by Trust service and the responsibility will fall with various service managers. The Head of Procurement at the Trust is Tracy Smith.

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

Response: The Trust has no central temporary /flexible staffing lead. This is because the operation of this is split out across different services within the Trust. Martin Godfrey is the Trust's Head of HR and has oversight of temporary/ flexible staff within the Trust.

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

Response: All senior staff can be contacted via switchboard 0151 514 2222. Making the personal email addresses of all senior staff public would lead to an increase in correspondence, incorrectly directed procurement correspondence and an increased risk of targeted phishing. The Trust considers these factors would prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs and the information is therefore exempted under Section 36(2)(c) of the FOIA.

3. Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 4 months at Wirral Community NHSFT Birkenhead?

Response: No, the Trust has not used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the past 4 months.

4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between December 2021 –March 2022 (a) Theatre Scrub/Recovery/ Anaesthetic nurse (b) Midwifery (c) Chemotherapy Nurse

Response: N/A

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

Response: N/A

If you are not satisfied that your Freedom of Information request has been dealt with in an adequate manner, you have the right to request a review, requiring us to review our action and response. To request a review of this response, please contact the FOI Officer, Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, St Catherine's Health Centre, Derby Road, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH42 0LQ or email: WCNT.foi@nhs.net. You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

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