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Response Due: 15th September 2023

Date: 7th September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Can you please provide me with the below information?

1.(a) Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?

Alistair Nicholson is head of Procurement although he is not responsible for approving nursing agency usage.

Please note sign off for agency usage is undertaken at a divisional level. Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh use agencies that are on the framework and these are booked via NHSP.

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

The Trust does not have a specific lead in the organisation. The individual areas are responsible for making their own arrangements following the temporary staffing policies.

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

The Trust does not routinely give out email addresses and direct telephone numbers of staff members as a large number of unsolicited emails/telephone calls could cause disruption to work by blocking email accounts/telephone lines and thereby preventing true work-related emails/calls from being delivered. However, any of the above staff can be contacted via main switchboard on 01942 244000.

3. Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 3 months?

Please see redirection below.

4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023 (a) RGN's (b) Registered Midwives (c) RMN's (d) ITU Nurses (e) A&E Nurses (f) Community psychiatric nurses

Please see redirection below.

5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023

Please see redirection below.

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Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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