

Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-740

Date: 28th March 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 23rd March 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Mental Health off framework

On the same day we contacted you via email to confirm who was asking for this information as you had used two completely different names:

The FOI Act clearly states that if we suspect that the request has come from a Pseudonym we are entitled to request proof of the person's identity, as provision of a Pseudonym invalidates a request, therefore please can you provide a photo copy of your driver's licence or other official document that validates your identity

In addition we also required clarification if your request was entirely for mental health staff?

You replied the same day via email stating that the request was for all nurses and confirmed that the lead name was [REDACTED]

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Please can you provide me with the Information below?

1. From 1st January 2023 to 28th February 2023, please list the wards/departments you have requested shifts for off framework agencies in your Adult Nursing, Mental Health, Community Hospitals?

A1 We have not approached any off framework agencies

Q2 From 1st January 2023 to 28th February 2023 have you requested shifts for off framework agencies in your UTC/UCC/MIU?

A2 As answer 1

Q3 Please provide me with the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for agreeing temporary nursing agency contracts for your Trust?

A3 We are unable to respond as there is not just one person responsible for this

Q4 Please provide a list of off-framework agencies used by the trust in the past 3 months

A4 We have not used any off framework agencies in the last 3 months

Q5 How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between January 1st 2023 – March 10th 2023 (a) RGN's (b) RCN's (c) RMN (d) ITU Nurse (e) A&E Nurse (f) HCA (g) CPN

A5 Not applicable

Q6 How much was your off framework spent for (a) Urgent Treatment Centre (b) Urgent Care Centre (c) Minor Injuries Unit?

A6 Not applicable

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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