

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please could you answer the below questions in relation to the trusts off framework usage in financial year 2021-2022;

1) Which off framework agencies did the trust use for HCA and Nursing vacancies and what was the spend on these agencies?

HCA : Staff Partners & Zion

Qualified: Archer, Genepool, Solutions Action Management, Seven

2) What was the average charge for both HCA's and Nurses from off framework agencies?

This would require a manual trawl of all agency invoices on record, to determine the average the charge for HCA's and Nurses from off framework agencies. In view of this the Trust is unable to provide the information requested as this would exceed the time and cost limits, as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit).

3) How many HCA shifts were sent out to off framework agencies?

44

4) How many of these were filled?

44

5) How many Nursing shifts were sent out to off framework agencies?

1173

6) How many of these were filled?

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Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) "the appropriate limit" means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.

- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
- (a) by one person, or
 - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated

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