

FOI_1359_2023-24 – FOI Request Concerning – Off-Framework Usage in the Past 12 Months

Please provide me with the below details;

1. A list of the OFF-framework agencies used by the trust in the past 12 months

Newcross
Infermia
Total Healthcare Partnership
Red Sector
Medgen
Seven
Positive Healthcare Lt

2. The average length of time a long-term agency placement is left vacant before being filled by the agencies who are ON framework in the past 12 months.

This will depend on the needs of service, ideally we will leave with On-Framework for 6 week period prior to escalating to Off Framework.

3. How many long-term bookings and individual shifts have been placed through OFF-framework agencies in the past 12 months' (Please separate individual shifts and long-term placements)

Currently 6 Placements, and total of 861 shifts

4. Average cost per hour for Band 5, 6 and 7 agency workers paid to OFF-framework agencies in the past 12 months'

£36ph B5 - £41 ph B6 - £44ph -B7.

5. Who in the trust has authority to approve the use of off-framework agencies (name and job title)

Chief Nurse – Angela Anderson / Bank Team also have autonomy to book off framework for individual unfilled shifts that are deemed critical to safe staffing levels.

6. If authority to use off-framework agencies in the trust lies with a specific department i.e., temporary staffing/staffing solutions/agency bookings/NHSP or equivalents, then who in the trust has the authority to override such decision made by that department (name and job title).

N/A, all decisions are made in conjunction with Chief Nurse Office.