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Re: Freedom of Information Request

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Original Request and Response:

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

Response: No off-framework agencies have been used.

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'

Response: There is no recorded data available to make this calculation.

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)

Response: 0

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

Response: 0

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

Response: An Executive Director.

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)

Response: Not applicable, as responsibility falls to an Executive Director.

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