

14/04/2022

Dear Requester,

FOI 1308

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. Who is the head of procurement at Bedford Hospital NHST, Bedford responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?
Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service at Bedford Hospital NHST, Bedford?
Section 40 (Personal Information)
2. Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)
Section 40 (Personal Information)
3. Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 4 months at Bedford Hospital NHST, Bedford?
No
4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between December 2021 –March 2022 (a) Theatre Scrub/Recovery/ Anaesthetic nurse (b) Midwifery (c) Chemotherapy Nurse?
N/A
5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between December 2021 –March 2022?
N/A

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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