

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 4979

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to weekly or monthly data collection to NHS Improvement.

*You asked:*

*From March 2017 until July 2018 inclusive:*

- 1) Please disclose your weekly collection sheets of data sent to NHS Improvement relating to temporary staffing. The full sheet is sought but to aid you in locating the correct information these include number of vacancies, agency fill rate, number of workers on more than £120 per hour, and since October 2017, this also includes the same data for bank staff . Please disclose both the Agency and Bank information.*
- 2) How is this information sent to NHS Improvement? If by email to which email address is it sent?*
- 3) Do you use a Direct Engagement Company, if so please confirm the name of the company used, who handled the negotiation.*
- 4) What is your Trust's individual agency expenditure ceiling from NHS Improvement?*
- 5) Does the trust have concerns that this ceiling is unachievable?*

Trust response:

- 1) The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.
- 2) The weekly collection is submitted via the NHSI portal <https://agencycollection.improvement.nhs.uk/agencycollection/reportingweeks/elector/>
- 3) Yes as a Trust we use 247Time and the negotiation was handled by the Head of Temporary Staffing in post at the time.
- 4) The Trusts agency ceiling is £11,820,000

5) As far as we are aware there has not been any discussions during meetings to discuss this.