

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 8516

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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 Off-framework agencies

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

- 1. A list of the OFF-framework agencies used by the trust in the past 12 months'*
- 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'*
- 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)*
- 4. Average cost per hour for Band 5, 6 and 7 agency workers paid to OFF-framework agencies in the past 12 months'*
- 5. Who in the trust has authority to approve the use of off-framework agencies (name and job title)*
- 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)*

Trust response:

1. Thornbury
2. This information is not held in a reportable format on either our HR rostering or Finance invoicing systems. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider 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 your request and we will not be processing your request further.

3. None

4. £78

5. The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details. Information relating to staff that is not currently publicly available on our website will not be released under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees.

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