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Email only

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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Nursing and Care Off-Framework Usage and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

#### **FOI REQUEST:**

- 1. In the last 60 days how many hours has your trust utilised Thornbury Nursing Services for agency nurses?**

Zero

- 2. In the last 60 days which wards, departments were these TNS requests for?**

N/A

- 3. Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by Thornbury Nursing Services?**

Zero

- 4. In the last 60 days has your Trust utilised any other off framework provider for agency nurses? If yes, please name these providers.**

No

- 5. Please can you confirm how many shifts have been released/allocated to off framework agencies within the last 60 days?**

None

- 6. In the last 60 days which wards, or departments were these off framework requests for?**

N/A

- 7. Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by off framework agencies within the last 60 days?**

None

- 8. How many long-term lines of work or block bookings are currently being supplied by off framework agencies?**

None

- 9. Which off framework agencies is the trust currently utilising for Nursing vacancies and what is the spend on these agencies year to date?**

N/A, the Trust does not use off framework agencies

- 10. What is the average charge for both RMN's and RGN's from off framework agencies?**

N/A

- 11. Who at director level is responsible for patient safety and staffing levels?**

Noel Scanlon, Executive Director of Nursing

- 12. Who at temporary staffing is responsible for onboarding new agencies and could you provide me with their contact details?**

Adam Watson, Resourcing Business Partner, adamwatson@nhs.net

- 13. Can you confirm if your Off-Framework agency suppliers list (PSL) is always looking to onboard new agencies. If not, what dates does the Trust review this list and look to bring new agencies onto it?**

The Trust do not have an off framework PSL and are not looking to engage with any off framework agencies at this time.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**