Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 22nd April 2022 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 agency usage and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. **Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Radiography, Speech and Language Therapy and Sterile Services?**

   Procurement are not responsible for approving agency usage. It is managed by the departments, as seen in question 2.

2. **Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:**

   a) **Physiotherapy**
      
      Nicola Emery

   b) **Occupational Therapy**
      
      Anya Bostock Smith

   c) **Pharmacy**
      
      James Harris
d) Radiography
   Judith Allen

e) Sterile Services
   Sterile services do not have approval to use agencies.

f) Speech and Language Therapy
   Jill Dyer

3. Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2?

   Physiotherapy – Nicola.emery@nhs.net
   Occupational Therapy – a.bostocksmith@nhs.net
   Pharmacy – james.harris13@nhs.net, 01913337113
   Radiology – judithallen2@nhs.net, 01325743067
   Speech and Language Therapy – jill.dyer@nhs.net

4. Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2021 - March 2022 in the following departments:
   a) Physiotherapy
   b) Occupational Therapy
   c) Pharmacy
   d) Radiography
   e) Sterile Services
   f) Speech and Language Therapy

   No.

5. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between March 2021 - March 2022?
   a) Physiotherapy
   b) Occupational Therapy
   c) Pharmacy
   d) Radiography
   e) Sterile Services
   f) Speech and Language Therapy

   Not applicable.

6. How many unfilled agency roles did you have between March 2021 - March 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

   Zero.
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.

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.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator