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Freedom of Information request

Firstly, please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to you. Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 23/02/2022. Please see responses to your requests below.

1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at Portsmouth Hospital NHS Trust?

The Trust's Head of procurement isn't responsible for approving the above agency usage. Jonathon Peer - the Trust's Procurement Manager is responsible for approving biomedical science/pathology agency usage, please find contact details below:

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

- Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry, and Blood Transfusion):

Nathan Hunt – Operational Manager for Blood Sciences

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- Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):

Allyson Lloyd – Microbiology Laboratory Manager

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- Cellular Pathology:

Michelle Jackson – Cellular Pathology Laboratory Manager

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3. Please provide the contact numbers and email addresses in relation to question 1 and 2.

Please see question 2.

4. Have you used off-framework agency staff for Biomedical Science/Pathology between January 2021 and January 2022?

Please see answers in question 5.

5. How much was your off-framework agency spend for each of the following departments between January 2021 and January 2022:

(a) Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry and Blood Transfusion) - 0

(b) Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID): The only off framework agency used is with PHL for point of care Covid Testing within the emergency department.

(c) Cellular Pathology – 0

6. How many roles were filled by off-framework agency workers between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

This information is not held by the Trust to extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

7. How many unfilled roles did you have between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry and Blood Transfusion): Please see exemption in question 6.

Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID): Please see exemption in question 6.

Cellular Pathology: Please see exemption in question 6.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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