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Dear Ms Begum

I would like to apologise for the slight delay in responding to your freedom of information request made on 25 January 2022 regarding agency spend for Doctors, Nurses and Allied Health Professionals. The questions you raised along with their answers can be found below:

Would it be possible to answer the following questions:

- 1) What has been the agency cost of staff nurses from January 2021 till December 2021? **This totalled £17,925,161.**
- 2) What has been the bank cost of staff nurses from January 2021 till December 2021? **This totalled £10,556,741.**
- 3) Which agency(s) is used to provide the staff nurses? **Off framework agencies are utilised where the framework suppliers are unable to respond to requests for staff.**
- 4) The number of permanent staff nurses at the trust during December 2021? **ULHT employed a total of 1,593 permanent Staff Nurses in December 2021.**
- 5) What was the nurse vacancy rate during December 2021? **We can confirm that the vacancy rate at ULHT for Nurses was 15.96%.**
- 6) What was the total number of newly qualified nurses who started working at the trust between September and December 2021? **The number of new qualified staff who started working at ULHT between September 2021 and December 2021 totalled 1.**

I trust that this information answers your request; however, if you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our response, you should write to the Chief Executive at the address given above.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, their office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayne Warner", is written on a small, rectangular, light-colored piece of paper or card. The signature is cursive and fluid.

Jayne Warner
Trust Secretary