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Dear Mr Charlton

Request for Information (Freedom of Information Act 2000)

I write further to your request for information received by the University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust (the Trust) on the 19th December 2011 as detailed below:

"Please can you provide me with further information on the supply of agency staff to your trust or authority? Please could you advise on the agency/locum spend for the following categories during the following time periods:

Staff Categories:

All Allied Health Professions (AHP)

All Health Science Services (HSS)

Radiography / Medical Imaging

Physiotherapy

Pathology

Pharmacy

Mortuary

Nursing

Medical Locums (Doctors)

Time periods:

2006 (1st Jan-31st Dec)

2007 (1st Jan-31st Dec)

2008 (1st Jan-31st Dec)

2009 (1st Jan-31st Dec)

2010 (Q1 – 1st Jan – 31st March)

2010 (Q2 – 1st April – 30th June)

2010 (Q3 – 1st July – 30th September)

2010 (Q4 – 1st October – 31st December)

2011 (Q1 – 1st Jan – 31st March)

2011 (Q2 – 1st April – 30th June)

2011 (Q3 – 1st July – 30th September)

Please outline details of any current framework or preferred supplier list in place for the supply of agency/locum staff within the above categories to your trust/authority along with details on any renewal dates or plans to re-procure the agreements.”

The Trust is managing your request using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information in accordance with the requirements of Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to address your question(s) I consulted with Trust senior colleagues.

UHNS Response to FOIA Request

I apologise for the delay in responding to your request. Please see attached a copy of a report detailing the information requested.

Response Queries (Freedom of Information Act 2000).

In relation to the Freedom of Information Act, may I take this opportunity to inform you that the Trust is fully committed to the Act's philosophy of openness which allows the public and individuals to ensure that corporate information is managed and used efficiently in order to assist and support business functions and decision making with the aim of delivering high quality and appropriate healthcare.

If you have any queries related to the responses provided please in the first instance contact my office. Of course, you have a right to challenge this response using the Trust's internal FOIA complaints procedure. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner is an independent officer, appointed by the Crown and reports directly to Parliament. The Commissioner can request all the documentation relating to this request to ascertain whether the Trust's decision was fair and meets the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.gov.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary Jackie Knowles on 01782 554040.

Yours sincerely

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