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Dear Mr Gora

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 19th April 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding agency

On 20th April 2023 we contacted you via email as we require clarification on which area of agency/staffing this is for? Nursing, Doctors etc?"

On 2nd May 2023 you replied via email with:

'The request is for the following staffing groups to be provided individually:

- *Nursing*
- *Medical Locums*
- *Allied Health Professionals'*

On 15th May 2023 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on the following:
What grades does this relate to or is it general overall combined fill?

On 19th May 2023 you replied via email with:

'The request is for Medical Locums, AHPs and Nursing to be detailed separately please'

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 What is your current bank spend for the last 12 months?

A1 See below:

	Bank	Agency
	£m	£m
Nursing	16.5	4.0
Medical	15.4	13.2
AHP	0.4	0.5
Other	13.5	3.2
Total	45.7	20.9

Q2 What is your current agency spend for the last 12 months?

A2 See answer 1

Q3 Do you have a Managed Bank Provider or a Bank System Provider? If so who is the Provider and what is the contract end date?

A3 We use Allocate Bank staff and have an in house Bank

Q4 What is your current fill rate for bank?

A4 Last Month April 2023 the bank only fill was 57%

Q5 Do you have a Master Vendor or Neutral Vendor provider? If so who is the Provider and what is the contract end date?

A5 See below:
 Nursing – Day Webster - 30/09/23 plus 3 x 12 month option to extend
 AHP/HSS – Maxxima - 08/08/24 plus 12 month option to extend

Q6 What is your current fill rate for agency?

A6 See below:
 Medical Locums data is not available
 AHP/HSS 94%
 Nursing 46%

Q7 Do you have a Direct Engagement Provider? If so who is the Provider, what is the fee and what is the contract end date?

A7 Commercially sensitive information relating to the price paid per item has not been disclosed here as we consider that under section 43(2) of the FOI Act: prejudice to the commercial interests of any party, is engaged. Disclosure of this information could be commercially detrimental to the Trust and companies acting on our behalf and result in less competitive prices for services. The likely consequence of this would be increased cost for service provision to the Trust. We have considered how the public interest might apply, and although

recognising that there is a strong public interest in openness there is a greater public interest ensuring an ability to obtain best value for money.

PWC Clarity 30/09/23 plus 2 x 12 months option to extend.

Q8 If you have Direct Engagement in place what is the current % uptake?

A8 95% or more

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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