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Allied Health Professions (AHP) Agency Usage

1. (a) Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving AHP agency usage?

Procurement and Logistics Services at the Business Services Organisation (BSO) manage agency procurement regionally on behalf of Belfast Trust. BSO can be contacted at Email: Foi.bso@hscni.net

(b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?

The Occupational Therapy Manager and Assistant Occupational Therapy Managers are responsible for approving OT agency usage.

The Physiotherapy Services Manager is responsible for approving off contract agency staff.

The Radiography Manager is responsible for approving off contract agency staff.

2. Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) & (b).

The OT service can be contacted on Tel: 028 9504 0311 and via email OTMiscTeam@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Currently the contact for Physiotherapy is Deirdre Winters, Interim Professional Head of Physiotherapy, Mob: 07920 187 153, Email: deirdre.winters@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Diagnostic Radiography - Sean O'Conaire, Tel: 028 95046839, Email: Sean.OConaire@belfasttrust.hscni.net

3. Have you used Off-framework Allied Health agency staff between January 2021 and December 2021?

The Occupational Therapy Service has not used Off-Framework agency staff between January 2021 and December 2021.

The Physiotherapy Service have used the Off Contract framework between the dates above.

The Diagnostic Radiography service have used the Off Contract framework between the dates above.

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4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between January 2021 – December 2021: (a) Physiotherapy (b) Occupational Therapy (c) Pharmacy (d) Radiography

Physiotherapy	304,564
Occupational Therapy	-
Pharmacy	-
Radiography	304,413

5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 4, how many Off-framework posts have been unfilled between January 2021 and December 2021?

There is no such thing as an off framework post.