

13 June 2022

## **Nursing Agency Usage January to April 2022**

Can you please provide me with the below information?

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

The Procurement and Logistics Service at the Business Services Organisation manage nursing agency procurement regionally on behalf of Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and on a regional level. Gerry Gormley is the contact person for this.

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

The Belfast Trust Nurse Bank co-ordinate nursing agency bookings. The Service Improvement Lead (Bank and Roster), Paul Delaney, has operational management responsibility for this service.

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

Email address for Paul Delaney: [paul.delaney@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:paul.delaney@belfasttrust.hscni.net)  
Email address for Gerry Gormley: [Gerry.gormley@hscni.net](mailto:Gerry.gormley@hscni.net)

3. **Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 4 months?**

We confirm that there has been off-framework nursing agency usage in Belfast Trust within the past 4 months.

4. **How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between January 2022 – April 2022 (a) RGN's (b) RCN's (c) RMN (d) Specialist RN (ITU) (e) Specialist RN (A&E) (f) HCA**

Belfast Trust are unable to provide the information you have requested, as it is not currently captured in this way. However, we can confirm the expenditure on off-framework agency in the following format:

(A-E) Registrants	£15m
(F) Senior & Nursing Assistant	£2.3m
Total Nursing	£17.3m

5. **Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between January 2022 – April 2022?**

The Trust does not measure or report on the rate of unfilled shifts for non-framework agencies.

Please note that the use of non-framework agencies is strictly controlled and every effort is made to backfill vacant shifts with our own staff working overtime, our nurse bank employees and our contracted agency staff.