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Nursing Agency Usage – Urgent and Emergency Care 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 at this Service?**

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
Email address for Gerry Gormley: 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 across each service between January 2022 – April 2022 (a) Urgent treatment centre (b) Urgent care centre (c) Emergency department**

Belfast Trust is 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 using specialties for RVH ED/CAU Nursing, ED/CAU Medical Staff and MIH ED:

Total £1.6M

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5. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between January 2022 – April 2022 (a) ENP (b) ANP (c) Doctors

We confirm that there has been off-framework agency usage in Belfast Trust within the period January 2022 – April 2022 for:

- (a) ENP £0
- (b) ANP £0
- (c) Medial £2.7M

6. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between January 2022 and 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.