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Band 2 and 3 Admin & Clerical and HCA Staff

I would like to have the following information under the Freedom of Information Act please:

- 1. How many WTE & PT Band 2 Admin and Clerical workers are currently employed by the BHSCT**

Headcount of 402 Band 2 Admin and Clerical at 31 December 2023.

- 2. How many B2 and Band 3 Admin and Clerical posts in the BHSCT are currently filled by agency workers for over 6 months**

Belfast Trust is unable to provide this figure as the information is not held centrally.

To obtain the information would require us to go out to every manager in every facility across Belfast Trust to request this. Given the size and complexity of Belfast Trust, to contact every manager and have each of them locate, retrieve and extract the necessary information would take in excess of 18 hours. By way of example, there are 289 senior managers across each of our 13 Directorates and they would then have numerous managers reporting to them and so on down all the structures that fall within their remit.

Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

- 3. How many B2 HCA staff on a WTE & PT contract are currently employed by the BHSCT**

Headcount of 301 Band 2 HCA at 31 December 2023.

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4. How much money has the BHSCT spent on agency cover for both B2 AND Band 3 Admin and Clerical staff and HCA Band 2 & Band 3 staff between February 2022 and February 2024

B2 NURSE SUPPORT AGENCY	£30,063k
B3 NURSE SUPPORT AGENCY	£15,445k
B2 ADMIN AGENCY	£5,364k
B3 ADMIN AGENCY	£12,287k