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BHSCT Agency Staffing Framework

I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request under the Freedom of Information Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Please could you provide the following information regarding the **Belfast Health and Social Care Trust's agency staffing framework**, effective from **October 2025**:

1. The **full list of agencies approved** under the framework, authorised to supply agency staff to the Trust.
2. **Total spend with each agency over the last 12 months**, broken down by specialty where possible, for example:
 - Nursing
 - Radiology
 - Physiotherapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Doctors / Medical staff
 - Any other specialties engaged via the framework
3. **Types of roles** each agency has supplied within each specialty.
4. **Contact details or email addresses** for each relevant division/department that engages agency staff.

Please find the attached excel spreadsheet with information.

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To undertake this exercise would necessitate a manual interrogation of data which would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this element of the request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.