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Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage

1: Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at Belfast Health and Social Care Trust?

Co-Director, Laboratories and Pharmacy.

2: Who are the managers responsible for agency approval for Pathology/Laboratory agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:

- Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry, and Blood Transfusion):
- Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):
- Cellular Pathology

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Blood Sciences / Biochemistry / H&I - DarrenX.Campbell@belfasttrust.hscni.net
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3: Please provide the contact numbers and email addresses in relation to question 1 and 2.

Email addresses above.

4: Have you used off-framework agency staff for Biomedical Science/Pathology between January 2021 and January 2022?

Yes.

5: How much was your off-framework agency spend for each of the following departments between January 2021 and January 2022:

- (a) Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry and Blood Transfusion):
- (b) Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):
- (c) Cellular Pathology

The total off-contract spend for labs in that period was £384k.

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- a. £27,507
- b. £128,118
- c. £228,037.

6: How many roles were filled by off-framework agency workers between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

Biochemistry x 2 BMS
Histopathology x 1 BMS
Cytology x 2 BMS
Molecular Diagnostics MLA x 2
Microbiology x 1 BMS

7: How many unfilled roles did you have between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

Histopathology x 8 BMS.

Molecular Diagnostics x2 MLA Band 3, 2 x vacancies at MLA Band 4 and 3 vacancies at GT Band 5.

Microbiology x 2 BMS.