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Subject: Off-framework nursing agency staff for the past 3 months

Q1 (a) Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?
(b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?

A1 a. We do not have a primary contact that would be responsible for the recruitment of Nurses. Each department is responsible for this.

A Deputy Head of Operations can approve Agency if it is on Framework AND with in price Cap

An Executive has to approve any off framework OR above price cap agency

The Chief Executive has to approve any Agency that will be over £100 per hour

b. Temporary Staffing are responsible for the management of all Agency use in the Trust

Q2 Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)

A2 Temporary.Staffing@lhch.nhs.uk

Q3 Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 3 months?

A3 No

Q4 How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023
a. RGN's
b. Registered Midwives
c. RMN's
d. ITU Nurses
e. A&E Nurses
f. Community psychiatric nurses

A4 a. Information not held – we do not use Off Framework Agencies

b. Information not held - Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital is a specialist adult cardiothoracic centre and therefore does not have a maternity ward or any maternity related services.

- c. Information not held – we do not use Off Framework Agencies
- d. Information not held – we do not use Off Framework Agencies
- e. Information not held - Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital is a specialist adult cardiothoracic centre and does not have an A&E department
- f. Information not held - Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital is a specialist adult cardiothoracic centre and does not treat patients for mental health conditions.

Q5 Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 4, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023

A5 Zero, as per A4 above