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Subject:	Agency use and spend for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy

Q1   Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums?

A1   Agency use is not approved by our Finance or Procurement teams at Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital. Agency use would be approved by the relevant budget holder within each department.

Q2   Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:
(a) Physiotherapy
(b) Occupational Therapy

A2   Susan Sutton – Therapies Lead

Q3   Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.

A3   Susan.Sutton@lhch.nhs.uk

In relation to a direct telephone number - Information not held – Many staff in this area now adopt an agile approach to working meaning they do not have a set workspace with direct telephone contact. Staff use email as their main method of correspondence or may be contacted via the hospital switchboard.

Q4   How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?
(a) Physiotherapy
(b) Occupational Therapy

A4   (a) £25,749
(b) £0

Q5   Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists – please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023.

A5   Physiotherapists - 100% of agency shifts are filled by Piers Meadows.
Occupational Therapists- Not applicable, as per A4 (b)

Q6   Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?

A6   Yes - Plus us.

Q7   What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?

A7   Band 6 Physiotherapists - £29.78.
Band 6 Occupational Therapists - Not applicable, as per A4 (b)