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Date: 20th December 2023
Ref: CORP 2023 - 200

Dear xxxxxxxx

Freedom of Information request: Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy agency use (CORP 2023 – 200)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 4th December 2023.

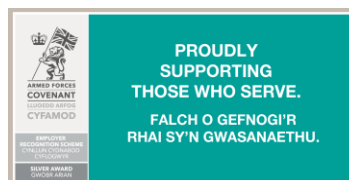
Your Request:

1. *Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums?*
2. *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*
3. *Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.*
4. *How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?*
 - (a) *Physiotherapy*
 - (b) *Occupational Therapy*
5. *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.*
6. *Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?*
7. *What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?*

Please find the Trust's response below:

In relation to questions 1, 2 and 3, the Trust has a legal obligation to comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the retained EU GDPR 679/2016 (known as UK GDPR). As you have requested information about someone other than yourself, the Trust has applied an Absolute Exemption under Section 40(1) and (2)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which states:

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- (1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.
- (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—
 - (a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1)

However, in order to comply with our obligation under Section 16 of the Act (duty to advise and assist), please use the following email address for any procurement related queries: procurementservicesenquiries@wales.nhs.uk

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

The Trust's framework agency spend for Physiotherapy from January 2023 to present is £13,900 and £0 for Occupational Therapy.

4. **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.**

The Trust has used Sanctuary Personnel in 2023.

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

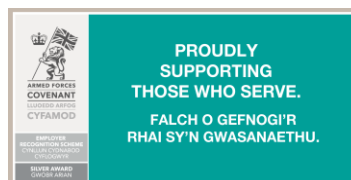
The Trust does not use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements

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

The highest rate paid was £63.44 (inc VAT) for bank holiday hours and £42 (inc VAT) standard hours.

I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

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Yours sincerely

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