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Subject: Use of and spend on off-framework agency staff for Biomedical Science/Pathology

Q1 Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHSFT?

A1 Head of Procurement or Procurement/Contract Managers do not approve agency usage; they only approve rate cards.

For medical & dental staff agency usage, it will ultimately be the Senior Manager for each specific area within the pathology department that will approve.

In relation to Agenda for Change staff, there is guidance from NHSE which the Trust follows and as such agency workers must be authorised internally by the Divisional Associate Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director of Finance.

Q2 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:

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

A2 For medical staff only: Staff names exempted under Section 40: Personal Information. Although the information relates to their public role and accountability for managing budgets, disclosure of names of all individuals may potentially have adverse consequences to the employees. Any names of staff that are available in the public domain are accessible via our website <https://alderhey.nhs.uk/>

For agenda for change staff: This would be the Divisional Associate Chief Operating Officer, Mark Carmichael and the Deputy Director of Finance, Rachel Lea.

Q3 Please provide the contact numbers and email addresses in relation to question 1 and 2.

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Q4 Have you used off-framework agency staff for Biomedical Science/Pathology between January 2021 and January 2022?

A4 No

Q5 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

A5 Information not held – Zero, as per A4

Q6 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?

A6 Zero

Q7 How many unfilled roles did you have between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

A7 Zero