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24 May 2024

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-4042-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 07 May 2024.

We can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

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| Q1 | <p>Your Question:</p> <p>Since December 2023, which Nurses Shifts has the Trust struggled to fill? Please consider the following Specialities for this question : A&amp;E Nurses, NICU,ICU, Midwives, Paediatric Nurses &amp; General Nurses?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB do not hold this information please redirect your request to the hospital trusts;</b></p> <p><b>East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust - <a href="mailto:foi@elht.nhs.uk">foi@elht.nhs.uk</a></b><br/><b>Lancashire Teaching Hospital NHS Trust - <a href="mailto:freedomofinformation@lthtr.nhs.uk">freedomofinformation@lthtr.nhs.uk</a></b><br/><b>Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust - <a href="mailto:bfwh.pso@nhs.net">bfwh.pso@nhs.net</a></b><br/><b>University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay - <a href="mailto:Freedom.Information@mbht.nhs.uk">Freedom.Information@mbht.nhs.uk</a></b></p> |
| Q2 | <p>Your Question:</p> <p>Do approved Framework agencies approve or confirm Shifts directly with the matron Nurses or any senior nurses directly in the wards with the agencies (Within any of the wards)? If, yes which wards book Nurses directly with the agencies &amp; please provide these Nurses Full names?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB do not hold this information please redirect your request to the hospital trusts;</b></p> <p><b>East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust - <a href="mailto:foi@elht.nhs.uk">foi@elht.nhs.uk</a></b></p>  |

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| Q3 | <p>Your Question:</p> <p>When does Temporary Staffing get approval for “Escalated rates” for Ad-hoc Shifts? Please provide time scale leading up to the Shift date</p>  |
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| Q4 | <p>Your Question:</p> <p>When does Temporary Staffing get approval for “Escalated rates” for Long term Agency Nurse Bookings? Please provide time scale leading up to the booking?</p>  |
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| Q5 | <p>Your Question:</p> <p>Who in the trust has the authority to approve the use of Escalated rates or break glass rate for the Approval Framework agencies, Please provide Full Name &amp; Email address?</p>  |
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| Q6 | <p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please provide names of those agencies that are “breaching NHSI Rates” by being allowed to book Nurses &amp; Midwives not within the NHSI capped rates?</p>  |
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| Q7 | <p>Your Question:</p> <p>If an Approved framework agency can demonstrate their ability to provide Nurses &amp; meet all the requirement with the possibility of using the alternative route of escalated or Break Glass rates , would Temporary staffing add that agency to their Tier 1 Suppliers list?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB do not hold this information please redirect your request to the hospital trusts;</b></p> <p><b>East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust - <a href="mailto:foi@elht.nhs.uk">foi@elht.nhs.uk</a></b><br/> <b>Lancashire Teaching Hospital NHS Trust - <a href="mailto:freedomofinformation@lthtr.nhs.uk">freedomofinformation@lthtr.nhs.uk</a></b><br/> <b>Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust - <a href="mailto:bfwh.pso@nhs.net">bfwh.pso@nhs.net</a></b><br/> <b>University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay - <a href="mailto:Freedom.Information@mbht.nhs.uk">Freedom.Information@mbht.nhs.uk</a></b></p> |
| Q8 | <p>Your Question:</p> <p>Who is the head of Procurement responsible for approving “Approved Framework agencies” to join their Tier 1 Suppliers list to provide Nurses &amp; Midwives? Please provide Full name &amp; contact address email?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB do not hold this information please redirect your request to the hospital trusts;</b></p> <p><b>East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust - <a href="mailto:foi@elht.nhs.uk">foi@elht.nhs.uk</a></b><br/> <b>Lancashire Teaching Hospital NHS Trust - <a href="mailto:freedomofinformation@lthtr.nhs.uk">freedomofinformation@lthtr.nhs.uk</a></b><br/> <b>Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust - <a href="mailto:bfwh.pso@nhs.net">bfwh.pso@nhs.net</a></b><br/> <b>University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay - <a href="mailto:Freedom.Information@mbht.nhs.uk">Freedom.Information@mbht.nhs.uk</a></b></p>  |

### **Right of Appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

### **To request an internal review**

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at [MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net](mailto:MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net) or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Professor Sarah O'Brien - Chief Nursing Officer**

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery  
ICB Chief Executive**