

Request title:
Pathology/Laboratory agency usage

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Request and Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust Response

1: Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at Royal Devon and Exeter NHSFT?

The Divisional Director is responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at the Trust.

2: 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:

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

The Divisional Director is responsible for framework agencies and the Chief Finance Officer is responsible for off framework agencies for all areas.

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

The Divisional Director can be contacted via the Specialist Services Division at rde-tr.SpecialistServicesDirectorateOffice@nhs.net

The Chief Finance officer can be contacted via the Chief Executive's Office at Rde-tr.executivesupport@nhs.net

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

The Trust has not used off-framework agency staff for Biomedical Science/Pathology between January 2021 to January 2022.

5: 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

Not applicable, please see response to question 4.

6: 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?

Not applicable, please see response for question 4.

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

(a) Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry and Blood Transfusion): **None that the Trust did not recruit into.**

(b) Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID): **None that the Trust did not recruit into.**

(c) Cellular Pathology – **The vacancies were backfilled by lower grades - 2 pathologist vacancies.**