

## Off-Framework Usage

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*Dear Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,*

*Off-Framework Usage in the Past 12 Months'*

*Please provide me with the below details;*

- 1. A list of the OFF-framework agencies used by the trust in the past 12 months'*

Answer: Please see below.

- *Cavity Dental Services*
- *Exeter Supply Partnership*
- *Hcl Healthcare Ltd*
- *Locum X*
- *Ocean City Therapy Ltd*
- *Presto Nursing (Part Year Off Framework now Framework)*
- *Pure Healthcare Group*
- *RECRUITMENT SOLUTIONS SW LTD*
- *Source Group*
- *Thornbury Services Ltd*
- *TOTAL QUALITY RECRUITMENT*

- 2. The average length of time a long-term agency placement is left vacant before being filled by the agencies who are ON framework in the past 12 months'*

Answer: The Trust does not hold this data.

- 3. How many long-term bookings and individual shifts have been placed through OFF-framework agencies in the past 12 months' (Please separate individual shifts and long-term placements)*

Answer: 6893 (approximated, due to change in agency changing to Framework).

4. *Average cost per hour for Band 5, 6 and 7 agency workers paid to OFF-framework agencies in the past 12 months'*

Answer: Please see below representing the average between Royal Devon's Eastern & Northern Services.

<i>Band 5</i>	£82.69
<i>Band 6</i>	£45.74
<i>Band 7</i>	£63.04

5. *Who in the trust has authority to approve the use of off-framework agencies (name and job title)*

Answer: The Trust does not release the names of staff below a Director/Head of Department under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Personal Information, where disclosure may contravene the Data Protection Act 2018 and therefore applies an exemption under Section 40 (2) - Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Section 10 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Associate Director responsible for HR Services is Larry Webb, Medical Director. They are contactable via our main hospitals 01392 411611 (Eastern services) and 01271 322577 (Northern services) or via the Trust 'Contact Us' link on [royaldevon.nhs.uk](http://royaldevon.nhs.uk)

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6. *If authority to use off-framework agencies in the trust lies with a specific department i.e., temporary staffing/staffing solutions/agency bookings/NHSP or equivalents, then who in the trust has the authority to override such decision made by that department (name and job title)*

Answer: Please see response to question 5.