

Title: **Sonography Ultrasound Agency 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 1st 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).

1. *Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for the Sonography/Ultrasound department at your trust?*

Answer: Eastern Services: Head of Department/Cluster Manager. Northern Services: Radiology Manager.

2. *Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Sonography/Ultrasound department at all hospitals associated with the Trust?*

Answer: Eastern Services: Head of Department/Cluster Manager. Northern Services: Radiology Manager.

3. *Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in question 1 and 2.*

Answer: The Trust doesn't not provide personal emails or contact numbers under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Our main switchboard numbers are 01392 411611 (Eastern services) and 01271 322577 (Northern services) or via the Trust 'Contact Us' link on royaldevon.nhs.uk

4. *Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2022 - March 2023 in Sonography/Ultrasound?*

Answer: No, for both Eastern & Northern services.

5. *How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Sonography/Ultrasound from March 2022 - March 2023?*

Answer: Not applicable.