

Agency Staff Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy

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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).

Please can you provide me with the information below?

- 1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums?*

Answer: The Trust does not release the names of staff below a Director 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 Executive Director responsible is Hannah Foster – Chief People Officer. The Trust's main hospitals contact numbers are 01392 411611 (Eastern services) and 01271 322577 (Northern services) or via the Trust 'Contact Us' link on royaldevon.nhs.uk

Where contact details are given for Trust staff in this response, notice is hereby given, under Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 2018, on behalf of the individual or individuals that this personal information may not be used for the purposes of direct marketing.

- 2. Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:*
 - (a) Physiotherapy*
 - (b) Occupational Therapy*

Answer: Please see the response to question 1.

- 3. Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.*

Answer: Please see the response to question 1.

4. *How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?*
- *Physiotherapy*
 - *Occupational Therapy*

Answer: Please see below.

Royal Devon Eastern Services:

- Physiotherapy - £28,721
- Occupational Therapy - £28,618

Royal Devon Northern Services:

- Physiotherapy - £2,935
- Occupational Therapy - Nil

5. *Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists – please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023.*

Answer: Please see below. Royal Devon Northern Services does not hold the information ‘% of shifts filled by each agency since January’ as the site does not use a rostering/agency booking platform for AHPs.

Agency	Percentage of shifts filled
Blackstone Recruitment Ltd	2.68%
Just Specialist Recruitment Ltd	23.21%
Maxxima Ltd	27.23%
Ocean City Therapy Ltd	1.79%
Sanctuary Personnel Ltd	3.13%
Your World Recruitment Ltd	41.96%

6. *Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?*

Answer: No.

7. *What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?*

Answer: The maximum rate is £29.72 per hour.