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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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

In relation to the Agency usage this is under Framework which is managed by PALS, BSO.

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

There is no single person in the Trust who is directly responsible for the approval of Sonography/Ultrasound – it is the responsibility of individual budget holders to secure approval from relevant senior managers to engage agency workers.

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

As above, it is not possible to provide contact details for anyone with overall responsibility in the Trust for approving agency usage. Any communication can be directed to [Recruitment.Services@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:Recruitment.Services@southerntrust.hscni.net)

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

Yes

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

The amount spent on Off-Framework agency for Sonography/Ultrasound from March 2022 – February 2023 (inclusive) was £390,651

\*\*Please note figures for March 2023 are not available as yet\*\*

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