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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding staffing within the pharmacy department within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

I am hoping that you are able to assist with an urgent freedom of information request. Please provide me with the following information relating to staffing within the pharmacy department (all areas including: dispensary, clinical, aseptics, clinical trials, MI).

1. How many permanent staff are employed by the pharmacy department?

[As of December 2016, there are 37 employees across NHS South Sefton CCG and NHS Southport and Formby CCG.](#)

2. How many permanent vacancies are currently open/unfilled within the pharmacy department?

[As of December 2016, there is one Band 5 vacancy.](#)

3. How many agency staff/locums are currently being used across the pharmacy department?

[0](#)

4. How many bank temps are being used across the pharmacy department?

[0](#)

5. During the 2015-2016 financial year, how much did the pharmacy department spend on temporary agency staff

£15,002. They were not via an agency but directly employed as a locum.

6. During the 2015-2016 financial year, how much did the pharmacy department spend on temporary bank staff

0

7. During the 2015-2016 financial year, how much did the pharmacy department spend on permanent finders/introduction fees through recruitment agencies

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8. Does the pharmacy department utilise frameworks for temporary staffing? If so, which framework is of choice?
9. Does the pharmacy department book agency staff direct with agencies or do all bookings run through a centralised temporary staffing team?
10. Does the pharmacy department work within a master vendor agreement or managed service agreement?
11. Which agencies does the pharmacy department use for temporary/locum staff?

NHS South Sefton CCG does not use temporary staffing generally due to the skills required for primary care. Therefore, questions 8 – 11 are not applicable.

12. Please provide me with the following contact names within the authority:

- a) The name of the senior manager (Chief Pharmacist/Director of Pharmacy) with overall responsibility for the pharmacy department.

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- b) The name of the head of temporary staffing.

Not applicable