

## Freedom of Information Request

### **1: Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at Northern Health and Social Care Trust?**

Approval for agency staff is given at Assistant Director level in line with the Northern Trust policy on the use of agency and locum staff. This is Rebecca Getty.

### **2: Who are the managers responsible for agency approval for Pathology/Laboratory agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:**

As above Rebecca Getty

- **Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry, and Blood Transfusion):**
- **Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):**
- **Cellular Pathology**

### **3: Please provide the contact numbers and email addresses in relation to question 1 and 2.**

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### **4: Have you used off-framework agency staff for Biomedical Science/Pathology between January 2021 and January 2022?**

Yes for medical staff only

### **5: How much was your off-framework agency spend for each of the following departments between January 2021 and January 2022:**

- (a) **Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry and Blood Transfusion):**
- (b) **Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):**
- (c) **Cellular Pathology**

£186,000 (unable to split between the areas identified).

### **6: How many roles were filled by off-framework agency workers between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?**

There were 3 agency staff employed during this period for varying time durations. It is not possible to specifically say how many roles were filled as some agency staff would have been employed to cover the same role at different times of the year.

**7: How many unfilled roles did you have between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?**

Vacancies vary throughout the year. It would not be practicable to identify how many unfilled roles there are over and above an average vacancy rate.