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Cardiff and Vale  
University Health Board

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/101**  
**Agency Usage**

- 1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at Cardiff and Vale UHB?**

N/A

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

After considering your request, the UHB believes that the data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

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

Please see above.

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

The UHB does not hold this data. There is no framework for Biomedical Science/Pathology agency staff, all agency usage is off-framework.

- 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):**

£128,490

**(b) Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):** N/A

**(c) Cellular Pathology:**

£0



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**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?**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees' regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

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

**(a) Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry and Blood Transfusion):**

11.29 WTE at 28th February 2022

**(b) Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):**

N/A

**(c) Cellular Pathology:**

0.00 WTE at 28th February 2022

