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Subject: Agency Usage

REQUEST

1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums?
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
3. Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.
4. How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?
 - a. Physiotherapy
 - b. Occupational Therapy
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.
6. Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?
7. What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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

St Helens and Knowsley:

N/A - this is centrally managed.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Jon Hannah

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

St Helens and Knowsley:

Centrally managed by the Temporary Workforce Team.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Sarah Ralph, Joanne Russell, and Sharon Saunders.

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

St Helens and Knowsley:

Medical.Locums@sthk.nhs.uk

Southport and Ormskirk:

Jon.Hannah@merseywestlancs.nhs.uk

Sarah.Ralph@merseywestlancs.nhs.uk

Joanne.Russell2@merseywestlancs.nhs.uk

Sharon.Saunders5@merseywestlancs.nhs.uk

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

St Helens and Knowsley:

No agency use for physiotherapy or occupational therapy in the period shown.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Physiotherapy - £74,493 / Occupational Therapy – no agency use.

- 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.**

St Helens and Knowsley:

N/A

Southport and Ormskirk:

Physiotherapy: Your World (70%), RIG Healthcare (25%), HCL Healthcare (5%), and Medicure (0.6%).

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

N/A

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

St Helens and Knowsley:

N/A

Southport and Ormskirk:

£29.78 per hour