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REQUEST

Under the freedom of information act 2000, I am writing to formally request the following information:

1. Staff Numbers – Average headcount of permanent staff (Staff members on a permanent contract) and non-permanent staff (Staff members on temporary contracts, fixed term contracts and any consultants) over the entire 2020/21 financial year or just the total headcount as at Tuesday, March 31st, 2021.

Can you please split this into the major staffing groups used by the trust? (E.g. Medical, Nursing, Admin, AHP etc.)

2. Staff Cost – Total staff cost during the 2020/21 financial year split into permanent and non-permanent staff.

3. Agency Hours – Hours worked by agency staff in the 2020/21 financial year split by major staffing groups (E.g. Medical, Nursing, Admin, AHP etc.) and speciality/grade (E.g. Consultants, Registrars, GP, ICU Nurse, Acute Nurse, Occupational therapists, Pharmacists, Health Care Assistants, etc.) depending on how this is reported within the Trust.

4. Agency Spend – Total amount spent on agency staff in the 2020/21 financial year split into the Trusts' staff groups (E.g. Medical, Nursing, Admin, AHP etc.) and speciality/grade (E.g. Consultants, GP, ICU Nurse, Acute Nurse, Occupational therapists, Pharmacists, Health Care Assistants, etc.) depending on how this is reported within the Trust.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could supply all this information for the year 2020/21 (April '20 to March '21) and if possible in either Excel or Word Format. This will be very valuable information towards my ongoing research.

RESPONSE

This Information is available publicly using the following link -

<https://www.sthk.nhs.uk/media/.resources/6102ca9a37cc62.15828725.pdf>

However, for the request to be answered specifically we would apply an exemption under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.