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Q1 Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Radiography, Speech and Language Therapy and Sterile Services?

A1 [Head of Procurement or Procurement/Contract Managers will not approve agency usage; they only approve rate cards.](#)

[In relation to Agenda for Change staff, there is guidance from NHSE which the Trust follows and as such agency workers must be authorised internally by the Divisional Associate Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director of Finance.](#)

Q2 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
c. Pharmacy
d. Radiography
e. Sterile Services
f. Speech and Language Therapy

A2 [a-f: This would fall under the Divisional Associate Chief Operating Officer, Mark Carmichael and the Deputy Director of Finance, Rachel Lea.](#)

Q3 Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2?

A3 [Mark Carmichael, Divisional Associate Chief Operating Officer - Mark.Carmichael@alderhey.nhs.uk](#)

[Rachel Lea, Deputy Director of Finance - Rachel.Lea@alderhey.nhs.uk](#)

Q4 Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2021 - March 2022 in the following departments:
a. Physiotherapy
b. Occupational Therapy
c. Pharmacy
d. Radiography
e. Sterile Services
f. Speech and Language Therapy

A4 [No](#)

Q5 How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups

between March 2021 - March 2022?

- a. Physiotherapy
- b. Occupational Therapy
- c. Pharmacy
- d. Radiography
- e. Sterile Services
- f. Speech and Language Therapy

A5 Information not held – as per A4 above

Q6 How many unfilled agency roles did you have between March 2021 - March 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

- A6
- a. Zero
 - b. Zero
 - c. One
 - d. Two
 - e. Zero
 - f. Zero