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From: Private Individual
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Subject: Psychiatry Locum Agency Cascade 2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22

In relation to your supply of locum psychiatrists, please could you provide the answers to the following requests for the financial years 2023/24, 2022/23 and 2021/22?

- Q1 a) Please could you confirm how many psychiatry vacancy requirements were sent in total to medical framework and non-framework agencies?
b) Please can you also provide a monthly break-down of psychiatry vacancy requirements per agency for each grade and psychiatry sub-specialty (e.g. General Adult Psychiatry, Old Age Psychiatry, CAMHS, etc)?

A1 a) No off-framework agencies used, all framework agencies.

For framework agencies in 2021/22 - 18 shifts.

b) Worker Grade: Staff Grade, NHSI Specialty: 711 – Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Agency: Pulse Healthcare.

Number of shifts in February: 7, Number of shifts in March: 11.

Please note, there were no Psychiatry agency locums within the Trust for 2022/23 and 2023/24, and the details provided above for 2021/22 included all the agency locums for Psychiatry in that year; the Trust does not use agency locums frequently in any specialty.

- Q2 a) Please could you confirm how many of these psychiatry vacancies were filled in total by medical framework and non-framework agencies?
b) Please can you also provide the monthly break-down of psychiatry vacancies filled per agency for each grade and psychiatry sub-specialty (e.g. General Adult Psychiatry, Old Age Psychiatry, CAMHS, etc)?

A2 As per A1

- Q3 a) Please could you confirm the total number of hours worked by medical framework and non-framework agency psychiatrists?
b) Please can you also provide a monthly breakdown of the psychiatry locum hours worked per grade and sub-specialty for each agency?

A3 a) No off-framework agencies used, all framework agencies.

For framework agencies in 2021/22 – total hours 143.25

b) Worker Grade: Staff Grade, NHSI Specialty: 711 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Agency: Pulse Healthcare.

Total hours in February: 56. Total hours in March: 87.25

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