

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-743

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:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. Not applicable - Procurement does not approve Agency usage
2. Sarah Charman, Associate Director of Procurement & Managed Equipment Services, 2gether Support Solutions
3. sarah.charman@nhs.net
4. As at 05/12/23
 - a. Physiotherapy £108,155
 - b. Occupational Therapy £43,631

5. As at 05/12/23

Agency	Specialty (group)	% of Shifts
SET Healthcare Ltd	Physiotherapy	15.97%
Piers Meadows	Physiotherapy	15.46%
TFS Healthcare	Occupational Therapy	14.62%
Team Support Healthcare Ltd	Physiotherapy	13.61%
RIG Medical Recruit Ltd	Occupational Therapy	11.76%
Tripod Partners Ltd	Physiotherapy	11.26%
London Teaching Pool Limited	Physiotherapy	7.39%
Globe Locums Ltd	Physiotherapy	6.72%
Your World Healthcare	Physiotherapy	2.86%
Hunter AHP Resourcing Ltd	Occupational Therapy	0.34%

6. No – we have a Managed Service for Agency staffing.

7. As at 05/12/23

Specialty (group)	Specialty	Max. Pay Rate
Physiotherapy	Physiotherapist Specialist	£24.97
Physiotherapy	Physiotherapist Specialist (Experienced Rotational)	£36.08
Occupational Therapy	Occupational Therapist Specialist	£18.82

Notes:

Figures based on paid data and includes paid shifts for Agency Direct Employment and paid, approved and processed shifts for Standard Placement (if applicable).

Total Spend includes pay, NI, pension, expenses, Ltd Co VAT and agency commission, VAT is included for Standard Placement (if applicable).

Pay Rate includes Worker Pay only.

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 29 DECEMBER 2023)

