Information Requested:

I am writing to request a copy of any policy related to the Trust's employment of businesses or private individuals, or to contracting private individuals or businesses to undertake specific clinical and / or non-clinical tasks on behalf of the Trust.

The Trust believes that the Policy you have requested is available on its public website and is therefore applying Section 21 Exemption (Information accessible to applicant by other means).

However in an effort to be helpful we can provide you with the link on where to locate the Policies you have requested:

HR40  Deployment of Temporary Workers Policy
FP01/03  Requisitioning of Goods & Services
FP01/04  Payments to Individuals who are not Employees of the Trust
FP09/07  Tendering & Quotations

The Trust is therefore applying the Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means). *

Applied Exemption:

*Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
   (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
   (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority’s publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.
Publication Scheme:

As part of the Freedom of Information Act all public organisations are required to proactively publish certain classes of information on a Publication Scheme. A publication scheme is a guide to the information that is held by the organisation. EPUT’s Publication Scheme is located on its Website at the following link https://eput.nhs.uk