

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. Sourced Staffing Arrangements

- a. Do you have a master vendor (MV) or neutral vendor (NV) arrangement in place for sourcing agency staff? If so, please state which arrangement is in place

No

- b. What is the name of the MV/NV provider(s) and what staffing groups do they source? e.g. medical, nursing etc.

N/A

- c. As part of the arrangement, is any technology provided by the supplier to help manage the procurement of agency staff?

N/A

- d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the supplier (dd/mm/yy)

N/A

2. Direct Engagement

- a. Does the organisation use a third party to provide a Direct Engagement/Outsourced Employment Solution? (This is where the NHS organisation sources agency staff via a recruitment agency but hold a direct contract between the organisation and the worker - there is often VAT savings associated to this employment model)

No

- b. What is the name of the Direct Engagement (DE)/Outsourced Employment supplier (e.g 247Time/Allocate, PlusUs, Retinue, Liaison etc.)

N/A

- c. Under the DE/Outsourced Employment arrangement, which staffing groups are managed? For example; Medical, Admin, Scientific staff. Please list all applicable

N/A

- d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the DE supplier (dd/mm/yy)

N/A

- e. How much did the organisation pay the supplier in 20/21 (April 2020 to March 2021) for the provision of the direct engagement service?

N/A

3. Vendor Management System for Nurse Agency

- a. Does the organisation use a third-party Vendor Management System for the supply of nurse agency staff?

No

- b. Who supplies your Vendor Management System? E.g. Allocate, NHSP etc.

N/A

- c. Please provide the contract start and end date for this provider (dd/mm/yy)

N/A

4. Bank Management

- a. Please name the technology provider used to manage the supply of your bank staff, inclusive of any outsourced or managed arrangements (i.e. NHSP, Bank Partners, Allocate, Liaison, Patchwork, Locum's Nest etc). If more than one supplier is used, please name all suppliers

Allocate

- b. Please name the staffing group each provider is used for e.g. medical, nursing, AHPs, admin and clerical

Nursing, AHP, admin and clerical, estates and facilities

- c. Please provide the contract start and end date for each bank supplier (dd/mm/yy)

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- d. How much did the organisation pay the supplier(s) in 20/21 for the provision of the bank service?

The Trust believes that this information is of commercial interest and may prejudice either the supplier or the Trust. The Trust is therefore applying Section 43 of the Act (Commercial Interests)

Applied Exemption:

Section 43 (Commercial Interests):

- (1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret
- (2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2)

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