

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you please provide me with the following information in relation to temporary agency staffing?

1. Neutral Vend (NV) or Master Vend (MV) Agency Supplier:
  - i. Medical
    - Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
    - Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier?
  - ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)
    - Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
    - Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier
  - iii. Nursing
    - Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
    - Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier
  - iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)
    - Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
    - Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the <https://eput.nhs.uk/media/pv1a4vqf/eput-foi-23-3057.pdf> website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

2. Direct Engagement (DE):
  - i. Medical
    - Name of the DE provider
    - Expiry date of contract with the DE provider
    - % of DE currently achieved
  - ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)
    - Name of the DE provider
    - Expiry date of contract with the DE provider
    - % of DE currently achieved
  - iii. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)
    - Name of the DE provider
    - Expiry date of contract with the DE provider
    - % of DE currently achieved

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3. Financial Year 2022/2023 (or most recent if available) - spend figures on temporary agency staffing – (worker pay & agency commission only):

- i. Medical
- ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)
- iii. Nursing
- iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

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4. Financial Year 2022/2023 - number of hours worked by temporary agency workers:

- i. Medical
- ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)
- iii. Nursing
- iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

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5. Does the Trust or Health Board currently operate a Non-Medical Non-Clinical Staff Bank?

- If yes, what is the name of the provider?
- Expiry Date of the contract with the provider

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6. Does the Trust or Health Board utilise an Insourcing Contracting provider in place?

- If yes, what is the name of the provider?
- Expiry Date of the contract with the provider

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7. Contact responsible for temporary agency staffing at the Trust or Health Board:

- i. Workforce Lead
  - Name
  - Job Title
- ii. Procurement Lead
  - Name
  - Job Title
- iii. Finance Lead
  - Name

- Job Title

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#### 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.

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