

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please provide me with the details below.

Section 1: Agency Nurse Expenditure

1. Between 1st April 2023 and 31st October 2023, what did the Trust spend on Agency Nurses?

Clarification: Include all charges (pay, agency fees, managed service fees, etc.) excluding VAT.

£	6,665,301		
<i>*Please note this is reported spend</i>			

2. What proportion of this was attributed to the services of a Managed Service Provider (MSP) / Neutral Vendor / Master Vendor and/or Technology Provider?

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the <https://eput.nhs.uk/media/p5rdwtill/eput-foi-23-3005.pdf> website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

Section 2: MSP & Tech

3. Does the Trust have a Managed Service / MSP (either Neutral Vendor, Master Vendor, or otherwise) and/or technology for managing the supply of agency nurses?

N/A

If the answer to question 1.0 is yes, please answer the following questions:

4. Which company provides this solution?

Clarification: If there is more than one company involved, for example, if the tech/software is separate from the service provision, please list all contracts that are in place. Other than where an agency is providing managed services or tech, there is no need to list all of the nurse agencies involved in the supply chain.

N/A

5. Which Framework was this contract / were these contracts procured under?

N/A

6. Please disclose the expiry date(s) of the contract(s)

N/A

7. Please disclose the fee structure and cost of the above-mentioned provisions.

Clarification: Excluding all elements of nurse pay / the cost of agency nurses excluding the agency commission charges, and excluding VAT.

N/A

8. What was the average total cost paid by the Trust for a “Day Rate” Band 5 Agency Nurse between 1st August – 31st October 2022?

Clarification: Including pay (and PAYE tax, NI, etc.), and agency fees. Exclude MSP / Tech fees and VAT.

N/A

9. What was the average total cost paid by the Trust for a “Day Rate” Band 5 Agency Nurse between 1st August – 31st October 2023?

Clarification: Including pay (and PAYE tax, NI, etc.), and agency fees. Exclude MSP / Tech fees and VAT.

N/A

10. What was the maximum charge rate paid for a Band 5 Agency Nurse between 1st August 2023 and 31st October 2023?

Clarification: Including pay (and PAYE tax, NI, etc.), and agency fees. Exclude MSP / Tech fees and VAT

N/A

Section 3: Accountable People

11. Please provide the name, email address, telephone number, work mobile if applicable, and job title of the person responsible on behalf of the Trust, for the management of the above-mentioned contract(s).

N/A

12. If different, please also provide the same details of the person or persons accountable for delivering the Trust’s strategic objectives in relation to agency nurses.

N/A

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:

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