

## Freedom of Information Request

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### **Information Requested:**

#### Sourced Staffing Arrangements

1a. 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

1b. What is the name of the MV/NV provider(s) and what staffing groups do they source? e.g. medical, nursing etc.

N/a

1c. As part of the arrangement, is any NV technology provided by the supplier to help manage the procurement of agency staff?

N/a

1d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the supplier (dd/mm/yy)

N/a

#### Direct Engagement

2a. 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)

Yes

2b. What is the name of the Direct Engagement (DE)/Outsourced Employment supplier (e.g Staff Direct/247Time/Allocate/RL Datix, PlusUs, Retinue, Liaison, NHS Professionals, Agile Workforce/Holt, Litmus/Medacs etc.)

PlusUs

2c. Under the DE/Outsourced Employment arrangement, which staffing groups are managed? For example; Medical, Admin, Scientific staff. Please list all applicable

Medical

Allied Health professionals

Scientific, Professional & Therapeutic

Admin & Clerical

2d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the DE supplier (dd/mm/yy)

Contract Start date – 18/10/2021

Contract End date – 17/10/2025

2f. How much did the organisation pay the supplier in 23/24 (April 2023 to March 2024) for the provision of the direct engagement 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):

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- (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)

Vendor Management System for Nurse Agency

3a. Does the organisation use a third-party Vendor Management System for the supply of nurse agency staff?

No

3b. Who supplies your Vendor Management System? E.g. RL Datix/Allocate, NHSP etc.

N/a

3c. Please provide the contract start and end date for this provider (dd/mm/yy)

N/a

Bank Management

4a. 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, RL Datix/Allocate, Liaison, Patchwork, Locum's Nest etc). If more than one supplier is used, please name all suppliers

RL Datix/Allocate

4b. Please name the staffing group each provider is used for e.g. medical, nursing, AHPs, admin and clerical

All Staffing Groups except  
Medical

4c. Please provide the contract start and end date for each bank supplier (dd/mm/yy)

Start Date: 28/02/2021 End Date: 28/10/2024

4d. How much did the organisation pay the supplier(s) in 23/24 for the provision of the bank service?

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