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Dear,

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Chair: Usman Awais Khan; CEO: Simon Weldon

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240810.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

- 1. The date when SECAmb will start signing up agencies for the new RM6281 Workforce Alliance framework.
  - We contact approved agencies on the framework as when there is a need, as per the NHS Agency rules we need to ensure that we are evidencing value for money.
- 2. The timeline and process for newly approved agencies on the RM6281 framework to provide staffing under Lot 1 (Nursing and Midwifery) and Lot 4 (Social Care).
  - For our Nursing Staff Agency use, we can only engage with providers who can guarantee and evidence that the staff member has been trained and is compliant with NHS Pathways, which is the Trusts main clinical decision tool / digital triage. This is a requirement for all of our staff – we do not have high agency usage as a result.
- 3. Confirmation if SECAmb will be using the RM6281 Workforce Alliance framework for staffing.
  - SECAmb will only use the approved framework for agency recruitment.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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