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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230907.

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

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

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

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

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

N/A to all of the above.

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)

2b. What is the name of the Direct Engagement (DE)/Outsourced Employment supplier (e.g 247Time/Allocate, PlusUs, Retinue, Liaison etc.)

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

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

2f. How much did the organisation pay the supplier in 22/23 (April 2022 to March 2023) for the provision of the direct engagement service?

N/A to all of the above.

Vendor Management System for Nurse Agency

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

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

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

N/A to all of the above.

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

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

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

4d. How much did the organisation pay the supplier(s) in 22/23 for the provision of the bank service?

N/A to all of the above.

We do not have a neutral or master vendor agreement – we purely use on framework agencies based on their specialities – clinical agencies for clinical staff etc. and these are for temporary staff only.

We also manage our own bank locally.

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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