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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 240230.

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

Please disclose the following information pertaining to the Trust's use of agency workers (nurses and medical locums etc.) within the 20 working days permitted under the Freedom of Information Act.

Section A: Total Agency Spend Per Job Category - Last 6 Months

1. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Agency Medical Locums (including all locum grades, including locum pay, agency fees, on costs etc. - excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee.

In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, the Trust spend on Agency Medical Locums was a credit of £6,906; this was due to an over-estimation of the costs up to July 2023.

2. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Agency Nurses (including nurse pay, agency fees, on costs etc. - excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee. Please include all nursing bands, including band 2 HCAs. If possible, please break down the spend by banding.

In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, the Trust spend on Agency Nurses was £0.

3. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Agency AHP/HSS workers (including all AHP.HSS job roles, including pay, agency fees, on costs etc. - excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee.

In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, the Trust spend on Agency AHP/HSS workers was a credit of £5,201 ; this was due to an over-estimation of the costs up to July 2023.

4. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Non-Medical / Non-Clinical (NMNC) agency workers (including all NMNC job roles, including pay, agency fees, on costs etc. - excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee.

In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, the Trust spend on Non-Medical / Non-Clinical (NMNC) agency workers was £1,079,837.

Section B: Supporting Services (Managed Services / Master Vendors / Neutral Vendors / Vendor Management Technology etc.)

1.0. For each of the agency staffing categories mentioned above (Medical Locums, Agency Nurses, AHP/HSS and NMNC), does the Trust utilise either a technology provision and/or the services of any type of managed service provider (MSP), be it Master Vendor, Neutral Vendor, Managed Service or otherwise, in the course of managing the supply of Medical Locums?

No, the Trust does not utilise either a technology provision and/or the services of any type of managed service provider (MSP), be it Master Vendor, Neutral Vendor, Managed Service or otherwise, in the course of managing the supply of Medical Locums

If yes to Section B - 1.0, please also answer 1.1 and 1.2:

1.1: For each staff category, please describe the solution in place - including a. the type of solution (i.e. tech or managed services etc.), b. the company providing the service (e.g. Medacs, Retinue, NHSP etc.), c. the cost charged for the solution (e.g. 4% of agency spend, or [X] per timesheet hour], and d. the procurement Framework under which the solution is contracted (e.g. CCS RM6161 or HTE TWS11 Lot 2b etc.).

N/A

1.2: For each of the solutions you've listed above, please state the contract expiry date.

N/A

Section C: Procurement Activity and Associated Persons

1. Please advise whether the Trust is likely to undertake procurement activity in relation to any of the solution either that are already in place, or in order to put such a solution in place, in the next 12 months.

None, the frameworks are procured centrally by NHS Procurement in Partnership and Crown Commercial Service (CCS)

2. Please provide the name, email address and telephone number, for the person(s) involved in 'buying' such solutions. In case of the existing contracts mentioned above, please provide the details of the person who would take overall ownership of evaluating the contract renewal moving forward.

As per the previous questions, the frameworks are procured and owned centrally by NHS Procurement in Partnership and Crown Commercial Service (CCS) (<https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/contact>).

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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