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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Altrix and agency spend.

You asked:

For the last 12 months can you provide me details on the Trusts agreement with Altrix.

Specifically:

The monthly spend for the last 12 months.

The number of hours covered monthly for the last 12 months.

Agreed rates for shifts covered.

Clarification on workers under this models Tax/IR35 status and if they are paid in line with the NHS Frameworks expectations.

Trust response:

The Trust has spent £264,000 with Altrix during the last 12 months.

The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of any further information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market because other contracting authorities and competitors would be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of its delivery model and methodology.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/