

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6178

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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 Temporary staffing.

You asked:

- 1. Does the organisation use a third party to provide a Direct Engagement (DE) Solution?*
- 2. Please state the name of the Direct Engagement supplier*
- 3. Please state all staffing groups that are managed via your direct engagement provider; for example; Medical, Admin, Scientific/Therapeutic staff.*
- 4. Please state the start date of the contract with the DE supplier (month/year)*
- 5. Please state the end date of the contract with the DE supplier (month/year)*
- 6. What was the annual cost to the organisation for the provision of the direct engagement service in 19/20?*
- 7. Did the organisation procure these services via a framework? If so, please provide the full name of the framework*
- 8. Please state the name of the technology provider used to manage the supply of your medical bank staff and nursing bank staff, inclusive of any outsourced or managed arrangements (i.e. NHSP, Patchwork, Allocate, Liaison, PlusUs, Locum's Nest etc., please state if in-house)*
- 9. Please state the start date of the contract with your medical bank provider (month/year)*
- 10. Please state the end date of the contract with your medical bank provider (month/year)*
- 11. What was the annual cost to the organisations for the provision of bank provider services/software in 19/20?*
- 12. Did the organisation procure these services via a framework? If so, please provide the full name of the framework*
- 13. What was the 2019/20 financial year agency spend for Medical locums?*

14. *What was the 2019/20 financial year agency spend for Allied Health Professionals (including Scientific, Therapeutic and Technical)?*
15. *What was the 2019/20 financial year agency spend for Nursing and Midwifery staff?*
16. *What is the forecasted 2020/21 financial agency spend for the staff groups listed in 4a, 4b and 4c.*

Trust response:

1. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link/s: <http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Temporary-staff-management-and-spend.-250620.pdf>
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11. Further information will not be released under Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of 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. 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-qualitystory/finance/

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16. Neither a forecast nor a full year budget has been prepared at this time.

