

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6734

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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 staff suppliers.

## You asked:

- 1. All the Supplier Names who supplied temporary staff to yourself in the dates between 06 April 2020 and 05 April 2021
- 2. The Actual spend value each Supplier in the above period
- 3. The Dates the above where work/Invoiced & paid
- 4. The area the above was Expensed/costed too
- 5. The Purpose of spend (If available)
- 6. The Category Internal Name (If available)
- 7. Any Extras that may be on record (If available)

## 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 <a href="https://www.mtw.nhs.uk">www.mtw.nhs.uk</a> Please click on the Freedom of information tab on the home page and then click on Data to Support FOI FAG's and then the Finance dropdown and the response will be shown. Alternatively please use the following link:

https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/recent-foi-responses/ further more detailed information will not be released.

2. The Trust is applying 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: <a href="https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/">www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/</a>

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7. Not applicable.