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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 Agency Staff Bank.

You asked:

For Hospitals

1. *Hospitals in trust*
2. *Names of off-framework agencies used between 2021- to date*
3. *Names of on-framework agencies used between 2021- to date*
4. *Do you have a master vendor in place?*
5. *If yes, please provide your account manager's email*
6. *Temporary agency staff manager full name*
7. *Temporary agency staff manager email*
8. *Temporary agency staff manager telephone*
9. *Permanent agency staff manager full name*
10. *Permanent agency staff manager email*
11. *Permanent agency staff manager telephone*
12. *Off-framework agency spend between Feb 2021-date*
13. *Framework agency spend between Feb 2021 – date*
14. *Total agency shift cancelations Feb 2021-date*

For Urgent Care Centres/Walk-in Clinics

1. *Urgent treatment / walk-in centres*
2. *Names of off-framework agencies used between 2021- to date*
3. *Names of on-framework agencies used between 2021- to date*
4. *Do you have a master vendor in place?*
5. *If yes, please provide your account manager's email*
6. *Temporary agency staff manager full name*
7. *Temporary agency staff manager email*
8. *Temporary agency staff manager telephone*
9. *Permanent agency staff manager full name*
10. *Permanent agency staff manager email*

11. *Permanent agency staff manager telephone*
12. *Off-framework agency spend between Feb 2021-date*
13. *Framework agency spend between Feb 2021 - date*
14. *Total agency shift cancelations Feb 2021-date*

Trust response:

For Hospitals

1. Maidstone Hospital and Tunbridge Wells Hospital
2. Thornbury Nursing Services
3. Section 21 exemption
4. No
5. Not applicable
6. Falls under the remit of the Chief People Officer
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12. Section 43 exemption
13. Section 21 exemption
14. 7957

For Urgent Care Centres/Walk-in Clinics

1. Not applicable

All remaining questions are not applicable.

Chief People Officer – details can be found on our website.

Section 21 - 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: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/recent-foiresponses/> the link should take you to the Data to Support FOI FAQ's page where you need to click on the Finance dropdown. Alternatively, from our website home page, click the Freedom of Information Tab, then the Data to Support FOI FAQ's tab and then the Finance dropdown at the bottom of the page where you will find all the information. This information is updated on a regular basis and is exempt under Section 22 of the Act.

Section 43 - 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: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/