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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 Supply and Ethical Business Practices.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

- 1. Does the Trust have a Managed Service (MSP) or MV or an external Bank supplier for the recruitment of agency staff? Please break this down into Doctors, Nursing & AHP if appropriate.*
- 2. If yes, who is that contract with and when does it end?*
- 3. If yes, how did the Trust review whether the supplier followed ethical business practices, what ethical insights did they gather?*
- 4. What steps do the Trust take to ensure suppliers are paying their fair share of taxes and acting with integrity.*
- 5. Who is responsible within the Trust, for ensuring that suppliers follow ethical business practices?*

Trust response:

1. Software cascade to a preferred supplier list for all.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. The Trust only engages with trusted framework suppliers
5. This will be part of the contracting authority – By engaging with suppliers who are certified under the framework the responsibility will lie with the framework owner.