

NHS Foundation Trust

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Date Received: 26th February 2024

Response Due: 25th March 2024

Date: 22nd May 2024

Dear Sir,

With reference to your request for information received on, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Section A: Total Agency Spend Per Job Category - Last 6 Months

- 1. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Agency Medical Locums (including all locum grades, including locum pay, agency fees, on costs etc. excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee. £0
- 2. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Agency Nurses (including nurse pay, agency fees, on costs etc. excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee. Please include all nursing bands, including band 2 HCAs. If possible, please break down the spend by banding. £63.155
- 3. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Agency AHP/HSS workers (including all AHP.HSS job roles, including pay, agency fees, on costs etc. excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee. £92,860
- 4. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Non-Medical / Non-Clinical (NMNC) agency workers (including all NMNC job roles, including pay, agency fees, on costs etc. excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed

service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee.

£288,988

Section B: Supporting Services (Managed Services / Master Vendors / Neutral Vendors / Vendor Management Technology etc.)

1.0. For each of the agency staffing categories mentioned above (Medical Locums, Agency Nurses, AHP/HSS and NMNC), does the Trust utilise either a technology provision and/or the services of any type of managed service provider (MSP), be it Master Vendor, Neutral Vendor, Managed Service or otherwise, in the course of managing the supply of Medical Locums?

The Trust have a contract in place with NHSP for Agency Nurses, AHP/HSS and NMNC.

The Trust also has a contract in place with Liaison TempRE for Medical Locums.

If yes to Section B - 1.0, please also answer 1.1 and 1.2:

1.1: For each staff category, please describe the solution in place - including a. the type of solution (i.e. tech or managed services etc.), b. the company providing the service (e.g. Medacs, Retinue, NHSP etc.), c. the cost charged for the solution (e.g. 4% of agency spend, or [X] per timesheet hour], and d. the procurement Framework under which the solution is contracted (e.g. CCS RM6161 or HTE TWS11 Lot 2b etc.).

For NHSP, the Agency Transaction is zero. The NHSP contract is via the Health Trust Europe Framework TWS 11.

For Liaison TempRE, technology only, the contract is transacted via the Countess of Chester Framework. TempRe bank date is 3.5% of bank spend.

1.2: For each of the solutions you've listed above, please state the contract expiry date.

The NHSP contract expiry date is 31/03/2026.

The Liaison TempRE contract expiry date is 28/03/2026.

Section C: Procurement Activity and Associated Persons

1. Please advise whether the Trust is likely to undertake procurement activity in relation to any of the solution either that are already in place, or in order to put such a solution in place, in the next 12 months.

No.

2. Please provide the name, email address and telephone number, for the person(s) involved in 'buying' such solutions. In case of the existing contracts mentioned above, please provide the details of the person who would take overall ownership of evaluating the contract renewal moving forward.

For NHSP, the prime contact would be Alistair Nicholson, Procurement.

The Trust does not routinely give out email addresses and direct telephone numbers of staff members as a large number of unsolicited emails/telephone calls could cause disruption to work by blocking email accounts/telephone lines and thereby preventing true work-related emails/calls from being delivered. However, any of the above staff can be contacted via main switchboard on 01942 244000.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Kelly Knowles

Operational Director of Finance

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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