

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

Information Governance Department

Suite 9
Buckingham Row
Brick Kiln Lane
Wigan
WN1 1XX

Email: foi@wwl.nhs.uk
Web: www.wwl.nhs.uk

Ref: FOI/2024/9721

Date Received: 15th March 2024

Response Due: 16th April 2024

Date: 17th May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 15th March 2024, 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:

1. What current Staffing Rosters are in place and operational, there contract end date per service, annual/contract fee's/costs, plus How many users/licenses per product?

For non-medical:

- Staffing roster: RL Datix/Softcat (Allocate Optima).
- Contract end date: 22/07/2025.
- Annual contract fees: Information is being withheld under Section 43(2) of the FOI Act.
- Users/licenses per product: 5,800.

For medical:

- Staffing roster: RL Datix / Allocate.
- Contract end date: 30/05/2024.
- Annual contract fees: Information is being withheld under Section 43(2) of the FOI Act.
- Users/licenses per product: 440.

2. What Direct Engagement Technology VAT efficiency model/provider is in place, and for what staffing group's i.e. Locums, AHP, NMNC etc. What's the cost per annum? As a pence per hour, or percentage model? And expiry date of this contract? What savings were delivered via DE 22/23 last 12 months?

For non-medical:

We have NHSP platform for non-medical staff.

For medical:

Direct Engagement Technology model/provider = Liaison

For what staffing group = Doctors

Cost Per Annum = The cost per annum changes due to it being a percentage model

Pence per hour or percentage model = Percentage Model

Expiry Date = 28/03/2026

Savings delivered by DE 22/23 = £509,244

3. What is the current spend (£) for Nursing, Locums, AHP, NMNC and Facilities Management separately across Agency utilisation or contractors at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust?

Sum of Actual			FY
StaffType	StaffGroup1	StaffGroup2	2023-24
Agency	Medical and Dental Staff	Career/Staff Grades	598,558
		Consultants	4,487,663
		Trainee Grades	1,012,805
	Medical and Dental Staff Total		6,099,027
	Non-Medical Clinical Staff	Allied Health Professionals	186,257
		Other ST & T Staff	1,315,530
		Registered Nurses	527,484
	Non-Medical Clinical Staff Total		2,029,270
	Non-Medical Non-Clinical Staff	NHS Infrastructure Support	615,887
		Estates & Facilities	19,485
	Non-Medical Non-Clinical Staff Total		635,372
Agency Total			8,763,669

The above information is YTD Month 11 as Month 12 financial accounts are not submitted.

4. Who manages your current Staff Bank? And for What Staffing Groups? Also, what annual costs are associated with your staff bank to provide this service?

Sum of Actual			FY
StaffType	StaffGroup1	StaffGroup2	2023-24
Bank	Medical and Dental Staff	Consultants	1,759,334
		Trainee Grades	4,702,429
		Medical and Dental Staff Total	6,461,763
	Non-Medical Clinical Staff	Allied Health Professionals	902,202
		Other ST & T Staff	18,291
		Registered Nurses	9,971,962
		Support to Allied Health Professionals	4,747
		Support to Nursing Staff	9,502,057
		Non-Medical Clinical Staff Total	20,399,259
	Non-Medical Non-Clinical Staff	NHS Infrastructure Support	435,892
	Non-Medical Non-Clinical Staff Total		435,892
	Bank Total		

The above information is YTD Month 11 as Month 12 financial accounts are not submitted.

5. How many Nurses, Doctors or AHP's were procured via International Recruitment during 2023? And who are the suppliers, contract term, and expiry

Nil and the Trust has no contract nor supplier.

6. Who are the main providers for Clinical Insourcing/Outsourcing/Mobile Units to help reduce waiting lists across all services, i.e. Theatres/Endoscopy/Dermatology etc.. and What's the annual spend and contract end date.

Speciality	Suppliers used for insourcing	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24 (to M11)	Notes
Radiology	Alliance medical	£754,510	£769,969	£772,078	£828,667	
Urology	18 week support	£45,752	£0	£0	£0	
Vascular	18 week support	£43,460	£0	£0	£0	
Ophthalmology	Viewpoint	£67,375	£0	£0	£0	
Ophthalmology	New Medica	£47,012	£0	£0	£0	
Urology	Focus Medical Services	£16,500	£24,850	£37,400	£28,900	
Endoscopy	Endogroup	£420,690	£846,230	£1,066,484	£714,140	
Orthopaedics	Talar Made Ltd	£0	£114,012	£325,908	£342,285	Replace Opcare contract in June 2021/22
Orthopaedics	Opcare Ltd	£222,426	£46,997	£0	£0	

Section 43(2) – Commercial interests

Information regarding costing has been withheld under section 43(2) of the FOIA if its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

Section 43 of the FOIA is a qualified exemption and is subject to the Prejudice Test and the Public Interest Test.

Prejudice test

We confirm that we have carried out a full prejudice test and that, on the balance of probability, the Trust's interests would be prejudiced in the event of disclosure. Therefore, we confirm that the Prejudice Test is engaged.

Public interest test

We have also carried out the Public Interest Test to ascertain whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in withholding the requested information:

Public interest in disclosure of the information:

- We acknowledge that there is public interest in transparency around how the Trust engages with suppliers and procurement.
- We acknowledge that there is public interest in the Trust's finances.

Public interest in withholding of the information:

- **Protecting public finances** – As a public authority, the Trust must ensure that it obtains the best value for money. Disclosure of the information would be likely to affect the quality of future offers provided to the Trust. It is therefore firmly in the public interest not to disclose any information which would affect commercial offers made to the Trust, which in turn will affect the Trust's finances.
- **Ensuring fair competition** – Information provided to the Trust during the procurement process contains sensitive competition information. It is not in the public interest to disclose information which would affect free and fair competition.
- **Transparency** – We understand that there is public interest in how the Trust engages with suppliers/contractors. However, we consider that the information held by the Trust would not significantly

further the public understanding of its relationship with these suppliers beyond what has already been disclosed in this response.

• **Reputation damage or loss of confidence** - It is firmly in the public interest that the Trust takes all steps to protect its reputation around information handling. It is not in the public interest to do anything which would jeopardise our ability to maintain strong working relationships with third parties.

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,



Juliette Tait
Chief People Officer

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.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

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

Helpline number: 0303 123 111