

FOI REF: 22/435

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Sourced Staffing Arrangements

1a. Do you have a master vendor (MV) or neutral vendor (NV) arrangement in place for sourcing agency staff? If so, please state which arrangement is in place

No.

1b. What is the name of the MV/NV provider(s) and what staffing groups do they source? e.g. medical, nursing etc.

Not Applicable.

1c. As part of the arrangement, is any technology provided by the supplier to help manage the procurement of agency staff?

Not Applicable.

1d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the supplier (dd/mm/yy)

Not Applicable.

Direct Engagement

2a. Does the organisation use a third party to provide a Direct Engagement/Outsourced Employment Solution? (This is where the NHS organisation sources agency staff via a recruitment agency but hold a direct contract between the organisation and the worker - there is often VAT savings associated to this employment model)

Yes.

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2b. What is the name of the Direct Engagement (DE)/Outsourced Employment supplier (e.g 247Time/Allocate, PlusUs, Retinue, Liaison etc.)

Liaison.

2c. Under the DE/Outsourced Employment arrangement, which staffing groups are managed? For example; Medical, Admin, Scientific staff. Please list all applicable

Medical, AHP, HSS.

2d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the DE supplier (dd/mm/yy)

1st June 2022 – 1st June 2024.

2f. How much did the organisation pay the supplier in 21/22 (April 2021 to March 2022) for the provision of the direct engagement service?

2021/22 = £582,868.

Vendor Management System for Nurse Agency

3a. Does the organisation use a third-party Vendor Management System for the supply of nurse agency staff?

No.

3b. Who supplies your Vendor Management System? E.g. Allocate, NHSP etc.

Not Applicable.

3c. Please provide the contract start and end date for this provider (dd/mm/yy)

Not Applicable.

Bank Management

4a. Please name the technology provider used to manage the supply of your bank staff, inclusive of any outsourced or managed arrangements (i.e. NHSP, Bank Partners, Allocate, Liaison, Patchwork, Locum's Nest etc). If more than one supplier is used, please name all suppliers

Allocate and Liaison.

4b. Please name the staffing group each provider is used for e.g. medical, nursing, AHPs, admin and clerical

Liaison Medical
Allocate all other staff groups.

4c. Please provide the contract start and end date for each bank supplier (dd/mm/yy)

Allocate 1st June 2022 – 30th June 2024
Liaison 1st June 2022 – 1st June 2024

4d. How much did the organisation pay the supplier(s) in 21/22 for the provision of the bank service?

2021/22 = £211,148.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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