

FOI REF: 22/756

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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:

Under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please can you answer the following questions relating to the staffing system(s) you currently use.

Our preference is that - so far as reasonably possible - the response is supplied in the form of an excel table and not as a pdf, word document or other word processing application. Please see the attached excel table as a template.

Please see attached document.

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested in respect of the Trust's spend on its Staff Bank provider fees in 2022, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that sharing the fees would give competitors commercial insight into payments that are made by ESHT to our current provider and that this could therefore affect the Trust's ability to achieve value for money during any future procurement.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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Corporate Governance Manager
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As of December 2022

System: Rostering

For each of the staff group categories:	Medical and Dental	Nursing and HCAs	AHPs and HSS
Does your Trust use an E-Rostering provider? (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes
What is the name of your E-Rostering provider?	Allocate / Rotamap	Allocate	Allocate
When was the contract for the software you currently use for E-Rostering signed? (dd/mm/yyyy)	31/05/2021 & 01/04/2022 & 13/08/2022 & 01/07/2022	06/07/2021	06/07/2021
When does the contract for the software you currently use for E-Rostering expire? (dd/mm/yyyy)	30/05/2024 & 31/03/2023 & 12/08/2023 & 30/06/2023	05/07/2024	05/07/2024
Was the e-rostering software procured through a framework?	Yes	Yes	Yes
What is the name of the framework the e-rostering software was procured using?	Healthtrust Europe Framework	Healthtrust Europe Framework	Healthtrust Europe Framework
What was the Trust's total spend on E-Rostering fees in 2022 - not incl. Implementation?	£250 – 300K		
How many workers were actively E-Rostered at your Trust in 2022?	629	4227	734
Does the rostering system integrate to ESR?	Yes / No	Yes	Yes
Does the rostering system integrate to PAS?	No	No	No
What system do you use for rota planning? E.g. eRota	DRS4	N/A	N/A
Who is the Senior Responsible Officer for E-Rostering?	Penny Wright	Penny Wright	Penny Wright

System: Staff Bank

For each of the staff group categories:	Medical and Dental	Nursing and HCAs	AHPs and HSS
Do you have a staff bank tech provider? (Yes/No - if No, please provide more details).	Yes	Yes	Yes
What is the name of your staff bank tech provider?	Liaison - TempRE	Allocate - BankStaff	Allocate - BankSta
If the software provider is not in the list - Please type	-	-	-
Was the bank software procured through a framework?	Yes	Yes	Yes
What is the name of the framework the bank provider was procured using?	Countess of Chester NHS Framework	Health Trust Europe	Health Trust Europe
What was the contract signed date for the provider you currently use for your staff bank? (dd/mm/yyyy)	01/06/2022	06/07/2021	06/07/2021
What was the contract expiry date for the provider you currently use for your staff bank? (dd/mm/yyyy)	31/05/2024	05/07/2024	05/07/2024
What was the Trust's spend on bank staff wages in 2022?	12,586,670	15,027,325	1,474,472
What was the Trust's spend on agency staff wages in 2022?	5,799,701	5,873,177	1,324,879
What was the Trust's spend on its Staff Bank provider fees in 2022?	Section 43(2) applied - please see letter.		

System: VMS (Vendor Management System)

For each of the staff group categories:	Medical and Dental	Nursing and HCAs	AHPs and HSS
Do you use a VMS provider? (Yes/No/Not Applicable)	No	No	No
What is the name of your VMS Provider?	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
What was the contract signed date for the provider you currently use? (dd/mm/yyyy)	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
What is the contract expiry date for the provider you currently use? (dd/mm/yyyy)	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
What was the Trust's spend on its VMS provider fees in 2022?	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

VMS is an Agency Management Software