

FOI REF: 23/294

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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:

### Section - 1

- 1. Has the trust conducted any overseas healthcare recruitment in the previous financial year of 2022-2023?**

Yes.

- 2. If yes, can you please advise which all professionals were recruited from overseas Eg. Nurses, doctors, radiographers, ODP's**

Nurses, Doctors, Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) and Occupational Therapists (OTs).

- 3. Can you please list out which all recruitment agencies were used for each professions respectively for year 2022-2023**

Doctors	Medacs
Nurses	MSI
AHPs	MSI/Medacs
OTs	Medacs

- 4. Please list out the contact details of the recruitment agencies used**

[www.medacs.com/employers/our-services/international-recruitment](http://www.medacs.com/employers/our-services/international-recruitment)

[www.msirecruitment.com](http://www.msirecruitment.com)

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5. **Please can you describe how were these agencies selected?**

Via NHS Framework – Health Trust Europe.

## **Section – 2**

6. **Is the trust planning to conduct overseas healthcare recruitment in the present financial year of 2023-2024?**

Yes.

7. **If yes, can you please advise which all professionals were recruited from overseas Eg. Nurses, doctors, radiographers**

Nurses  
Doctors  
AHPs

8. **Can you please list out which all recruitment agencies are being used for each professions respectively for year 2023-2024**

Doctors	Medacs
Nurses	MSI
AHPs	MSI/Medacs

9. **Please can you describe how were these agencies selected?**

Procured through NHS Framework.

## **Section 3**

10. **What is the process to get onto your framework of suppliers.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust do not own the frameworks. Please contact the various framework owners stated, to establish if there is a current opportunity to bid, to be listed on their applicable frameworks.

11. **Would the trust be open to using a non-framework agency who could deliver a better service in a cost-effective way? if So who is the best person to contact?**

The Trust must abide by the standing financial instructions and procurements must be competed. The Trust cannot award to a single supplier without following due process and ensuring best value.

12. **Kindly specify when is the next lot of tenders invited for such a requirement?**

May 2023.

- 13. Kindly specify where would such a tenders would be published for interested bidders to bid?**

Tenders are published on the government website via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

- 14. Are you looking for new suppliers who would be able to help you fulfil the roles?**

The Trust is in the process of tendering the requirement.

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

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