

FOI REF: 24/231

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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:

- 1. Does the Trust have a Managed Service (MSP) or MV or an external Bank supplier for the recruitment of agency staff? Please break this down into Doctors, Nursing & AHP if appropriate.**

No.

- 2. If yes, who is that contract with and when does it end?**

Not applicable.

- 3. If yes, how did the Trust review whether the supplier followed ethical business practices, what ethical insights did they gather?**

Not applicable.

- 4. What steps do the Trust take to ensure suppliers are paying their fair share of taxes and acting with integrity.**

We only engage with agencies under the Crown Commercial Service (CCS), these agencies are independently audited and accountable under CCS framework T&Cs.

- 5. Who is responsible within the Trust, for ensuring that suppliers follow ethical business practices?**

Responsibility is with CCS that suppliers and the Trust are contracted through.

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

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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](mailto: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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Yours sincerely

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