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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:

Please provide me with the following information in relation to temporary agency staffing:

1) Does your organisation engage a Neutral Vend or Master Vend agency supplier for:

No, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not engage a Neutral Vend or Master Vend agency.

  a) Medical:

   i)   Name of the NV or MV agency supplier.

   ii) Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier.

   Not applicable.

  b) Allied Health Professionals (AHPs):

   i)   Name of the NV or MV agency supplier.

   ii) Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier.

   Not applicable.

  c) Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC):

   i)   Name of the NV or MV agency supplier.

   ii) Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier.

   Not applicable.

d) Nursing:

    i) Name of the NV or MV agency supplier.

    ii) Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier.

    Not applicable.

2) Does your organisation utilise a Direct Engagement (DE) supplier for:

a) Medical:

    i) Name of the DE provider.

    Liaison.

    ii) Expiry date of contract with the DE provider.

    31st May 2025.

    iii) % of DE currently achieved.

    100%.

b) Allied Health Professionals (AHPs):

    i) Name of the DE provider.

    Liaison.

    ii) Expiry date of contract with the DE provider.

    31st May 2025.

    iii) % of DE currently achieved.

    100%.

c) Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC):

    i) Name of the DE provider.

    ii) Expiry date of contract with the DE provider.

    iv) % of DE currently achieved.

    None.

3) **For the most recent Financial Year you have available please can you supply the spend figures on temporary agency staffing (worker pay & agency commission only) for:**

   a) **Medical.**

   £3,733,304.17.

   b) **Allied Health Professionals (AHPs).**

   £599,712.53.

   c) **Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC).**

   £1,232,057.

   d) **Nursing.**

   £3,513,612.

4) **For the most recent Financial Year you have available please can you supply the number of hours worked by temporary agency workers for:**

   a) **Medical.**

   52,631.05.

   b) **Allied Health Professionals (AHPs).**

   15,635.53.

   c) **Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC).**

   9,454.25.

   d) **Nursing.**

   129,882.05.

5) **Where a contract is in place for the provision of a Neutral Vend, Master Vend and/or a Direct Engagement supplier, please can you advise who the lead contact or responsible officer within the organisation is for this contract:**

   Angela Alletson
   Head of Procurement
   esht.procurement@nhs.net

6) Alternatively please can you advise who is responsible for temporary agency staffing at the organisation across the following departments:

    a)   Workforce Lead:

        The Workforce Lead is not responsible for temporary agency staffing. The person responsible for temporary agency staffing is as follows:

        Laura Ransom
        Temporary Workforce and Volunteer Services Manager

    b)   Procurement Lead:

        Angela Alletson
        Head of Procurement

    c)   Finance Lead:

        Steve Bance
        Head of Financial Management

        John Morgan
        Deputy Head of Financial Management & Finance Business Partner Corporate

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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