

FOI REF: 25/148

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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 can you help me answer the questions below:

Medical temporary staffing supply

1. Do you manage your Medical Workforce Bank Internally? – Yes/No

Yes.

2. If Yes to the question above, do you manage your Medical workforce bank internally using specialist bank technology e.g. Patchwork, NHS Professionals, Locums Nest, Liaison, Allocate? Please specify which one?

Liaison.

If Yes to the above questions is it actively used?

Yes.

3. Do you outsource the management of your Medical workforce bank? – Yes/No

No.

4. If Yes to the above question, can you confirm the supplier managing it for you?

Not applicable.

5. Do you use Direct Engagement?

Yes.

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6. If Yes to the above question, can you confirm the supplier managing it for you? And can you specify the staff groups and if it is bank or agency?

Liaison, Medical & Dental, AHP, HSS.

7. What is your total Bank and agency hours for the Financial Year 2023/2024?

Agency/Bank	Paid Hours
Agency	52,631.05
Bank	156,365.84
Grand Total	208,996.89

8. Does your Trust have any doctors that work on the bank via a LTD company?

No.

Associated costs - Medical

9. Please confirm the charges that you pay to your technology provider for use of their system. e.g. Patchwork, NHS Professionals, Locums Nest, Liaison, Allocate? (in the last Financial Year 2023/2024)

Section 17 Notice of Refusal

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, 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 by sharing the pricing detail could cause harm to the Trust by not gaining best value for money for future contracts.

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

10. Can you confirm how you are charged eg per hour, fixed fee, percentage? And what the fees are?

Section 43(2) applied, please see Q9 above.

11. Please confirm the charges you pay your managed service provider for Medical Workforce? e.g. Patchwork, NHS Professionals, Locums Nest, Liaison, Allocate? (if applicable, in the last Financial Year 2023/2024)

Not applicable.

12. Can you confirm how you are charged for managed service? eg per hour, fixed fee or percentage?

Not applicable.

13. Please confirm the roster system provider used for your medical workforce? Eg Liaison, RL Datix etc

RL Datix and Rotamap.

14. Please confirm charges that you pay to your technology provider for Direct Engagement? eg per hour fixed fee, percentage

Section 43(2) applied, please see Q9 above.

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.

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

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Yours sincerely

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