

FOI REF: 25/314

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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) **In the period 1st December 2024 – 1st March 2025 what is your “on” Framework Agency expenditure and total number of hours filled for Medical Locums / Doctors (SHO up to Consultant) Please break down per month.**

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 information broken down to the level requested could cause harm to the Trust, as this could lead to the Trust receiving increased charges and therefore not gaining best value for money.

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

- 2) **In the period 1st December 2024 – 1st March 2025 what is your “Off” Framework Agency expenditure and total number of hours filled for Medical Locums/ Doctors (SPR up to consultant)? Please break down per month.**

£0.00.

- **Please provide a further breakdown by: spend per grade and spend per agency name.**

Not applicable.

- 3) **Do you have an in-house temporary staffing team to manage your agency requests OR is this outsourced to a Master Vendor or Neutral Vendor provider?**

In-house.

- **If outsourced, what is the name of the company?**

Not applicable.

- 4) **If outsourced, what was the start date and expiry date of the contract with this provider?**

Not applicable.

- 5) **What is your current Bank staff fill rate for Medical Locums / Doctors?**

60.1%.

- 6) **What is your current Agency fill rate for Medical Locums/ Doctors?**

7.8%.

- 7) **How many agencies are currently supplying the Trust with Medical locums/ Doctors' staff and what are their names?**

The following 19 agencies are currently supplying the Trust with Medical locums / Doctors':

Charterhouse Medical UK Ltd
Day Webster Limited
DRC Locums Ltd
ED Staffing
Fresh Medical Recruitment
Holt Doctors
Locum People Limited
Medacs Healthcare Plc
Medilink Consulting
Medsol Healthcare Services Ltd
National Locums
NC Healthcare
NISI
Pertemps Medical Limited
Provide Medical
RM Medics
RMR Recruitment Ltd
The Locum Consultancy
Total Assist Recruitment Ltd

8) Who is head of your procurement or temporary staffing team responsible for approving framework agencies who are wishing to join your preferred supplier list and what are their contact details?

Temporary Workforce Services.
Email: esh-tr.locumjobs@nhs.net

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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