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**RE: Freedom of Information Request** 

27th March 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

 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?  $_{\rm N/A}$
- 3. If yes, how did the Trust review whether the supplier followed ethical business practices, what ethical insights did they gather?

  N/A
- 4. What steps do the Trust take to ensure suppliers are paying their fair share of taxes and acting with integrity.
  - a) Only suppliers available via NHSE approved frameworks are used.
  - b) These suppliers are subject to compliance audits, as carried out by the framework owners
  - c) Where the Trust engages workers under DE arrangements, the Trust pays the workers directly and PAYE is operated on payments made to the workers.
  - d) Where the Trust engages non-DE agency workers, Status Determination Statements are issued setting out expectations in relation to the operation of PAYE on payments to be made to workers working via an intermediary. Similar statements are also issued in relation to workers operating in the capacity of a Sole Trader and waivers/declarations in relation to workers not working under the Supervision, Direction and Control of the Trust are not accepted.
- 5. Who is responsible within the Trust, for ensuring that suppliers follow ethical business practices?

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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <a href="https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/">https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/</a>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email <a href="mailto:casework@ico.org.uk">casework@ico.org.uk</a>.

If you would like this letter or information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call us on 01623 672232 or email <a href="mailto:sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net">sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net</a>.

Yours faithfully

## **Information Governance Team**

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