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RE: Freedom of Information Request

27th March 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 26th February 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:

Section A: Total Agency Spend Per Job Category - Last 6 Months

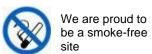
- 1. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Agency Medical Locums (including all locum grades, including locum pay, agency fees, on costs etc. excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee. £5,734,426.00
- 2. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Agency Nurses (including nurse pay, agency fees, on costs etc. excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee. Please include all nursing bands, including band 2 HCAs. If possible, please break down the spend by banding.

£1,726,829.00 – Registered nurses £0.00 – HCA's

3. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Agency AHP/HSS workers (including all AHP.HSS job roles, including pay, agency fees, on costs etc. - excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee. £918,445.00

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4. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the Trust spend on Non-Medical / Non-Clinical (NMNC) agency workers (including all NMNC job roles, including pay, agency fees, on costs etc. - excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee. £15,098.00

Section B: Supporting Services (Managed Services / Master Vendors / Neutral Vendors / Vendor Management Technology etc.)

1.0 For each of the agency staffing categories mentioned above (Medical Locums, Agency Nurses, AHP/HSS and NMNC), does the Trust utilise either a technology provision and/or the services of any type of managed service provider (MSP), be it Master Vendor, Neutral Vendor, Managed Service or otherwise, in the course of managing the supply of Medical Locums?
No

If yes to Section B - 1.0, please also answer 1.1 and 1.2:

- 1.1 For each staff category, please describe the solution in place including a. the type of solution (i.e. tech or managed services etc.), b. the company providing the service (e.g. Medacs, Retinue, NHSP etc.), c. the cost charged for the solution (e.g. 4% of agency spend, or [X] per timesheet hour], and d. the procurement Framework under which the solution is contracted (e.g. CCS RM6161 or HTE TWS11 Lot 2b etc.).
- 1.2 For each of the solutions you've listed above, please state the contract expiry date.

Section C: Procurement Activity and Associated Persons

- Please advise whether the Trust is likely to undertake procurement activity in relation to any of the solution either that are already in place, or in order to put such a solution in place, in the next 12 months.
 No
- 2. Please provide the name, email address and telephone number, for the person(s) involved in 'buying' such solutions. In case of the existing contracts mentioned above, please provide the details of the person who would take overall ownership of evaluating the contract renewal moving forward.

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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: https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/.

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 casework@ico.org.uk.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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