

FOI 3181

9th July 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Can I inquire whether your organisation intends to come to market for bank or agency management services in the next 12 months?

Specifically, I would appreciate information on:

1. Whether the trust plans to tender for these services in the near future.

Response:

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| Multi-Disciplinary Agency Framework | Ref: 3059470 | Start date: 2 nd June 2025 End date: 1 st June 2027 2 Years with the option to extend for any period(s) up to and including 24 Months |
| Agency workers – Nurses and Healthcare Support Workers | Ref: 3063890 | Start date: 15 th May 2023 End date: 14 th May 2025 – Extended 2 Years with the option to extend for any period(s) up to and including 24 Months |
| Medical & Dental | | The Trust is part of a regional tender process which was advertised back in February – April 2025 for a new framework for the supply of medical and dental agency workers/locums. It is expected this new framework will go live at the end of the calendar year. The Trust also plans to call off a framework for an agency management system on a pilot basis, from a provider on one of the NHS Frameworks. |

2. The scope of services expected to be included in the upcoming tender.

Response:

- Framework for Multi-Disciplinary – Across 6 lots: AHP, Social Care Support Workers, Professional and Technical, Specialists, General Admin & Clerical & Support Services
- Framework for Nursing & Midwifery services – Nurses, Midwives & Health Visitors & Healthcare support workers
- Framework for Medical & Dental – N/A

3. The key point of contact within the trust responsible for this area.

Response:

These Frameworks are initially coordinated by HSC BSO Procurement & Logistics Service.

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