

FOI 2282

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

**The below data is for the period - January 2023 - December 2023
(or last 12 months data).**

- 1. What current Staffing Rosters are in place and currently operational, contract end dates per service, annual/contract fee's/costs, plus How many users / licenses per product?**

Response:

The departments that use a rostering system are Anaesthetics and Emergency Medicine. One contract is ongoing and contractually we are unable to release the value, due to Section 43(2) – Commercial Interests.

There are currently 13 users of this system within the Trust. The second system in use has a contract end date of 16 September 2023 with 2 optional 1-year extensions. This contract has a value of £17,155. There are currently 91 users of this system within the Trust. We are unable to release the names of these systems due to cyber security risk.

Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and is subject to the public interest test. This means that not only does the information have to prejudice one of the purposes listed, but before the information can be withheld, the public interest in preventing that prejudice must outweigh the public interest in disclosure.

In reaching a decision the Trust has considered the likely prejudice to both the Trust and the service supplier if the requested information were released, and has had regard to the Information Commissioner's 'Freedom of Information Awareness Guidance No 5 – Commercial Interests'

Given that the definition of 'public' under the Act is considered to be the public at large, rather than just the individual applicant or a small group of people and that 'public interest' is not necessarily the same as what interests the public and what is noted above, it is considered that to release this information into the public domain is likely to result in prejudice to the commercial interests of the Trust and the supplier which is not outweighed by the wider public interest for disclosure.

2. What Direct Engagement Technology VAT efficiency model/provider is in place, and for what staffing group's i.e., Locums, AHP, NMNC etc. What's the cost per annum? As a pence per hour, or percentage model? And expiry date of this contract? What savings were delivered via DE during 2023 or last 12 months?

Response:

The Trust do not have any direct engagement technology VAT efficiency model/provider for Medical Locums.

3. What is the current spend (£) over the last 12 months Jan 23-Dec 23 for Nursing, Locums, AHP, NMNC and Facilities Management separately across Agency utilisation or contractors at?

Response:

| Agency Staff Category Jan - Dec 2023 | Agency Spend £000s |
|---|--------------------------|
| Nursing | £23,753 |
| Medical | £25,252 |
| AHP | £507 |
| NMNC | £10,171 |
| Facilities Management | £149 |
| Grand Total | £59,832 |

*Medical above denotes agency spend on medical staffing Jan – Dec 2023.

4. Who manages your current Staff Bank? And for What Staffing Groups? Also, what annual costs are associated with your staff bank to provide this service? Also Contract end Date.

Response:

Medical and Dental staff bank is an internal HSC digital system. On the advice of our cyber security team, we are unable to advise the name of our provider. The cost of the system is covered under the Service Level Agreement.

Although the Southern Trust understands that there is a public interest in being open and transparent, the information on Security hardware, Security software and operating systems is business sensitive and has the potential to leave the Trust vulnerable to cyber security attack. By disclosing these details, this information could prejudice and compromise the Trust's network/IT security as it would assist a potential hacker/attacker

in mapping out the Trust's IT security defences (which is a criminal offence under the Computer Misuse Act 1998). In accordance with Section 31 (1) (a) Law enforcement – the prevention or detection of crime of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, such information is exempt from disclosure.

5. How many Nurses, Doctors or AHP's were procured via International Recruitment during 2023? And who are the suppliers, contract term, and expiry.

Response:

During 2023 the Trust have appointed 70 doctors via International Recruitment. The contract is for an 18-month period and is due to expire on 31st January 2025.

6. Who are the main providers for Clinical Insourcing/Outsourcing/Mobile Units to help reduce waiting lists across all services, i.e., Theatres / Endoscopy / Dermatology etc... and What's the annual spend and contract end date.

Response:

For the period January 2023 – December 2023

Provision of Endoscopy Procedures – 3fivetwo –DAC Value = £6,825,440 & spend to end of November 2023 = £1,542,127. Contract end date 31/03/24.

Provision of Orthopaedic Procedures (Hips & Knees) – UPMC Sports Surgery - DAC Value - £6,585,000 – Spend to end of November = £1,760,00.72. Contract end date 31/03/24 (option to extend for 12 months) Contract extended until 31/03/25.

Provision of Orthopaedic Procedures (Shoulders) – UPMC Sports Surgery – DAC Value £762,000 – Spend to end of November = £120,764.62. Contract end date 31/03/24 (option to extend for 12 months) Contract extended until 31/03/25.

Provision of Urology Services – 3fivetwo – DAC Value - £4,318,560 (23/12/21 – 31/12/23) & (further DAC up to 31.12.23 to allow for additional spend £5,982,690.15) Spend to end of November - £7,889,668. Contract ended 31/12/23.

Provision of Adult NOUS – Friends Medical – DAC Value = £2,362,500 – Contract end date 31/03/24 (option to extend for 12 months) Contract extended to 31/03/25. Spend to end of November = £419,200.

Provision of Paediatric NOUS – Friends Medical – Below threshold DAC - £225,000 – Contract end date 31/03/24 (option to extend for 12 months) contract extended to 31/03/25. Spend to end of November £21,375.

Provision of Orthopaedic Surgery – Hand Procedures – Orthoderm – Below threshold DAC - £630,000 – Spend to end of December = £280,089. Contract end date 31/03/2024.

Provision of Day Case Pain Procedures – 3fivetwo – Below threshold DAC value - £207,752.06. Spend to end of November = £40,648.50. Contract end date 31/03/24

Modular MRI Scanner – DHH – Fairford – Framework – Call of contract – Contract Value £659,100 (excl VAT) Contract end date 30/09/2024. Spend to end of December = £439,400

Provision of Diagnostic Services – CT Cardiac Angiography – 3fivetwo – below threshold DAC £427,500 – Contract end date 31/03/2024. Spend to end of November = £79,660

Provision of CT Colonography – 3fivetwo – below threshold DAC £52,500 - Contract end date 31/03/2024. Spend to end of November = £10,150

Provision of Fluoroscopy +/- MRI – 3fivetwo – below threshold DAC £462,000. Contract end date 31/03/2024. Spend to end of November - £71,610

Reporting Services – Teleradiology – 4Ways – Framework – Call off contract – Contract Value. Total value of the contract/lot: 153 846.15 GBP (excluding VAT)
The value of the agreement would depend on the number of lists carried out/needed. Below is a list of the costs.

D. Contract Value and Price/Rates

The Health & Care Trust requires routine reporting services, including:

- Plain film reporting with a 120hr TAT (expected volumes= c.500/week)
- Paediatric reporting services
- 72hr TAT cross sectional support (as required)
- DTU service – 4hr & under 24hr services (ad hoc)

The SBS framework provides a comprehensive range of service options across multiple modalities and service lines, including specialist reporting services. Extracted below are the pricing points to reflect the core services required above. Where appropriate, volume requirements are also shown (plain film volumes reflect volume usage):

Plain Film

| SBS code | Volume breaks: | 18001 -24000 | Above 24000 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Standard price | 3% | 4% |
| Routine 120 Hours Plain Film 1 | £5.36 | £5.20 | £5.15 |

A contract price of £5.15 will be used reflecting assumed volumes of c.500 reports per week

Paediatrics

| SBS code | Description | Price/report |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Specialist72PE PF1 | Paeds Plain Film | £6.07 |

Cross Sectional (72hr TAT)

| SBS code | Description | Price/report |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Routine 72 Hours CT 1 | CT x1 72 hr | £27.49 |
| Routine 72 Hours CT 2 | CT x2 72 hr | £41.23 |
| Routine 72 Hours CT 3 | CT x3 72 hr | £54.98 |
| Routine 72 Hours CT 4 | CT x4 72 hr | £68.72 |
| Routine 72 Hours MR 1 | MR x1 72 hr | £26.98 |
| Routine 72 Hours MR 2 | MR x2 72 hr | £35.07 |
| Routine 72 Hours MR 3 | MR x3 72 hr | £43.17 |
| Routine 72 Hours MR 4 | MR x4 72 hr | £51.26 |

Day Time Urgent

| SBS code | Description | Price/report |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| DOOH 1 PF4 | Urgent Day Plain Film 4 hr | £20.40 |
| DOOH 4 CT 1 | Urgent Day CT x 1 4hr | £55.08 |
| DOOH 4 CT 2 | Urgent Day CT x 2 4hr | £82.62 |
| DOOH 4 CT 3 | Urgent Day CT x 3 4hr | £110.16 |
| DOOH 4 CT 4 | Urgent Day CT x 4 4hr | £137.70 |
| DOOH 4 MR 1 | Urgent Day MR x 1 4hr | £55.08 |
| DOOH 4 MR 2 | Urgent Day MR x 2 4hr | £82.62 |
| DOOH 4 MR 3 | Urgent Day MR x 3 4hr | £110.16 |
| DOOH 4 MR 4 | Urgent Day MR x 4 4hr | £137.70 |

An under 24hr Day Time Urgent service is also available. Pricing isn't on the SBS framework - this is £44.88 for either CT or MR single area scan. Please enquire if required

Other 4ways services include Night Time Urgent (OOH) reporting, Nuclear Medicine, Cardiac CT & MR reporting, CTC, mammography, DEXA and other services. Please enquire

Contract end date 13/02/2025 (with the option to extend until 31/02/2027). Spend to end of December = £488,332

Radiology Reporting Online - Everlight – Framework – Call of contract –Contract start date 14.02.2021. Term of contract = 6 years, with a further 2, 2-year option to extend period (2x 2 year). Spend to end of December 2023 =£1,863,212

Provision of DEXA Examinations – Friends Medical – below threshold DAC Value (up to end of 31/03/25- including extensions) £525,000 – Contract end date 31/03/2024 – Contract extended to 31/03/24. Spend to end of December = £35,440

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