

FOI - 2251

26 March 2024

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

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- 1. Does the Trust use technology, i.e. a booking portal / vendor management system, to manage Medical Locum spend? If so, which company provides this system?**

**Response:**

The Trust use a booking system for the management of Medical Locums for both bank and agency that was designed, built and is owned by the Health Service of Northern Ireland.

- 2. What procurement process was followed to award this contract (i.e. was there a tender process or a mini competition via a Framework)?**

**Response:**

N/A

- 3. Did BSO PaLS lead this procurement exercise or was the Trust solely responsible?**

**Response:**

N/A

- 4. Who is the signatory on the contract, on behalf of the Trust?**

**Response:**

N/A

- 5. How many whole months has the system been live for to date?**

**Response:**

The HSC eLocum System has been live from 2011.

- 6. During the period of whole months since the system first went live, how much money has the Trust paid to the technology provider for the technology (including any implementation fee, software licence fees etc. but excluding the cost of the Medical Locums agency invoices which may be processed via the software)?**

**Response:**

The cost of the system is covered under a Service Level Agreement (SLA).

7. How much has the software provider charged the Trust, per month, for the last 6 calendar months (to the end of January 2024)? Please list per month; i.e. for August 2023, September 2023, October 2023, November 2023, December 2023 and January 2024; and please include the total charged for the 6 months.

**Response:**

As above.

8. What is the total cost difference, increase or decrease, between the amount the Trust spent on Medical Locums during the six months to the end of January 2024, compared to the same 6 months the previous year excluding the cost of the software?

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10. Is there a plan to exit the contract during or before the next financial year, if so, when? Will this involve the recuperation of any cost where the cost of the solution has not delivered a net saving to the taxpayer?

**Response:**

There is no plan to exit the contract during or before the next financial year.

11. Is there a plan to continue or extend the contract into or beyond the next financial year?

**Response:**

The HSC eLocum system is an ongoing system.

**12. Is there a plan to procure an alternative solution during the next financial year?**

**Response:**

There is no plan to procure an alternative solution during the next financial year.

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