

FOI 2608

24 September 2024

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Sourced Staffing Arrangements**

**1a. Do you have a master vendor (MV) or neutral vendor (NV) arrangement in place for sourcing agency staff? If so, please state which arrangement is in place.**

**Response:**

No

**1b. What is the name of the MV/NV provider(s) and what staffing groups do they source? e.g. medical, nursing etc.**

**Response:**

N/A

**1c. As part of the arrangement, is any NV technology provided by the supplier to help manage the procurement of agency staff?**

**Response:**

N/A

**1d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the supplier (dd/mm/yy)**

**Response:**

N/A

**Direct Engagement**

**2a. Does the organisation use a third party to provide a Direct Engagement/Outsourced Employment Solution? (This is where the NHS organisation sources agency staff via a recruitment agency but hold a direct contract between the organisation and the worker - there is often VAT savings associated to this employment model)**

**Response:**

No

**2b. What is the name of the Direct Engagement (DE)/Outsourced Employment supplier (e.g Staff Direct/247Time/Allocate/RL Datix, PlusUs, Retinue, Liaison, NHS Professionals, Agile Workforce/Holt, Litmus/Medacs etc.)**

**Response:**

N/A

**2c. Under the DE/Outsourced Employment arrangement, which staffing groups are managed? For example; Medical, Admin, Scientific staff. Please list all applicable**

**Response:**

N/A

**2d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the DE supplier (dd/mm/yy)**

**Response:**

N/A

**2f. How much did the organisation pay the supplier in 23/24 (April 2023 to March 2024) for the provision of the direct engagement service?**

**Response:**

N/A

### **Vendor Management System for Nurse Agency**

**3a. Does the organisation use a third-party Vendor Management System for the supply of nurse agency staff?**

**Response:**

Yes

**3b. Who supplies your Vendor Management System? E.g. RL Datix/Allocate, NHSP etc.**

**Response:**

Although the Southern Trust understands that there is a public interest in being open and transparent, the information including manufacturer, models and replacement timeframes is business sensitive and has the potential to leave the Trust vulnerable to cyber-attacks. By disclosing these details, this information could prejudice and compromise the Trust's network/IT security.

In accordance with Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Law enforcement – the prevention or detection of crime, such information is exempt from disclosure.

We believe that putting this information into the public domain would make the Trust more vulnerable to cyber-attacks. The public interest in maintaining the security of our systems and providing safe health and social care to our patients/clients outweighs the public interest in disclosure of this information.

**3c. Please provide the contract start and end date for this provider (dd/mm/yy)**

**Response:**

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### **Bank Management**

**4a. Please name the technology provider used to manage the supply of your bank staff, inclusive of any outsourced or managed arrangements (i.e. NHSP, Bank Partners, RL Datix/Allocate, Liaison, Patchwork, Locum's Nest etc). If more than one supplier is used, please name all suppliers**

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**4b. Please name the staffing group each provider is used for e.g. medical, nursing, AHPs, admin and clerical**

**Response:**

Nursing & Midwifery

**4c. Please provide the contract start and end date for each bank supplier (dd/mm/yy)**

**Response:**

01.01.2024 – 21.12.2028

**4d. How much did the organisation pay the supplier(s) in 23/24 for the provision of the bank service?**

**Response:**

Unfortunately we are unable to provide the information you have requested as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

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