

## **FOI408 Response**

### **Request**

In relation to your supply of medical (doctor) temporary workers, please could you provide the answers to the following questions?

- 1) Which locum/staffing agencies have you engaged to be part of your medical (doctors) agency cascade? Please provide the names of the agencies split into the relevant tiers. If you do not use a tier system, please explain how vacancies are cascaded with agencies.
- 2) Please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum hours booked through each of these tiers for the last three years. If this is not available, please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum spend incurred through each of these tiers for the last three years. If only recent years are available, please provide what you have.
- 3) What is the protocol for releasing medical (doctor) vacancies to each of your tiers?
- 4) When are the current arrangements relating to your agency cascade in place until?

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Please see list below for the main providers used by the Trust to obtain locum Consultants and note the following:

- A split into relevant tiers cannot be provided, this is because our system does not capture this information at the level of detail requested.
- The Trust does not use a tier system and vacancies are cascaded via requests to the agency indicating the level of Consultant that is required. For example Consultant, Associate Specialise, SAS or Core Trainee.

Supplier
PULSE
ATHONA LIMITED
MEDACS HEALTHCARE PLC.
EVERGOOD ASSOCIATES LIMITED
SERVICE CARE SOLUTIONS LTD.
SANCTUARY PERSONNEL LIMITED
DOCTORS ON CALL LTD
HCL NURSING
MEDSOL HEALTHCARE LIMITED
SWIIS (UK) LTD.
HCL SOCIAL CARE LTD
MIMOSA STAFFING
MEDBANK HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS LTD
YOUR WORLD NURSING LTD

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The Trust does not have a cascade system however, arrangement are open across all framework agencies.