

FOI 040/2021 Request

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to request the following information :

1. What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency doctors and who is responsible for managing them?
2. Who is your primary point of contact for decision making regarding supply chain for Agency Doctors?
3. How many agencies are used to supply agency doctors?
4. Of these agencies, how many are off framework – please list them?
5. Over the past 6 months, how many shifts have been filled via an off framework agency?
6. Who is your highest paid agency doctor, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?
7. Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of doctor over the past 6 months?
8. Do you have a Master Vendor for Agency Doctors In place? If so, who are they and when are they contracted until?
9. If you have a Master Vendor in place, What is your current average % fill rate from your Master Vendor Provider for Medical Locums for the past 6 months?
10. If you have a Master Vendor in place, How many hours of work for medical locums have been booked outside of your Master Vendor arrangement in the past 6 months?
11. If you have a Master Vendor in place, What % of bookings by your Master Vendor Provider are at the NHSI capped rates in the past 6 months?
12. What is your total (£) off framework agency spend for Agency Doctors?
13. Does the trust utilise a Direct Engagement method of payment for agency doctors and if so whom?
14. What % of Agency Doctors are paid via Direct Engagement Method? And Outside of Direct Engagement?
15. How many doctors working are Deemed Outside of IR35 working at the trust?

Response

1. What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency doctors and who is responsible for managing them?

The Trust Procurement Team ensures that there are adequate contracts in place with agencies on the HTE framework, and they have the overall responsibility for managing the contract.

The Procurement Team support the Medical Workforce Team with a list of approved agencies.

2. Who is your primary point of contact for decision making regarding supply chain for Agency Doctors?

The Trust Procurement Team are the primary point of contact.

3. How many agencies are used to supply agency doctors?

Please see table below for the list of agencies used to supply agency staff, including agency doctors.

Supplier Name
ATHONA LIMITED
PULSE
MEDSOL HEALTHCARE LIMITED
MSI RECRUITMENT
NC HEALTHCARE LTD
DOCTORS ON CALL LTD
SERVICE CARE SOLUTIONS LTD.
MEDACS HEALTHCARE PLC.
EVERGOOD ASSOCIATES LIMITED
SANCTUARY PERSONNEL LIMITED
HCL NURSING
MEDICURE PROFESSIONALS LIMITED
ID MEDICAL
LIQUID PERSONNEL
FRESH RECRUITMENT LIMITED
SWIIS (UK) LTD.
YOUR WORLD NURSING LTD
RIG MEDICAL RECRUIT LIMITED
ONECALL 24
HAMPTONS RESOURCING LTD
MEDBANK HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS LTD
HCL SOCIAL CARE LTD
VENN GROUP LIMITED
MEDICSPRO LTD
YOUR WORLD RECRUITMENT LTD
MY LOCUM LTD
NATIONAL LOCUMS

4. Of these agencies, how many are off framework – please list them?

None

5. Over the past 6 months, how many shifts have been filled via an off framework agency?

None

6. Who is your highest paid agency doctor, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?

Currently the highest rate paid for a Consultant Psychiatrist within the Trust's Community Mental Health Team is £97.22 per hour.

7. Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of doctor over the past 6 months?

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this question.

This is because obtaining the requested data will require exhaustive and manual measures that exceed the threshold of carrying out this task.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to refuse this aspect of your request.

8. Do you have a Master Vendor for Agency Doctors in place? If so, who are they and when are they contracted until?

N/A, the Trust does not have a Master Vendor in place.

9. If you have a Master Vendor in place, What is your current average % fill rate from your Master Vendor Provider for Medical Locums for the past 6 months?

Please refer to the response provided in question 8.

10. If you have a Master Vendor in place, How many hours of work for medical locums have been booked outside of your Master Vendor arrangement in the past 6 months?

Please refer to the response provided in question 8.

11. If you have a Master Vendor in place, What % of bookings by your Master Vendor Provider are at the NHSI capped rates in the past 6 months?

Please refer to the response provided in question 8.

12. What is your total (£) off framework agency spend for Agency Doctors?

None

13. Does the trust utilise a Direct Engagement method of payment for agency doctors and if so whom?

N/A, the Trust does not have a Direct Engagement method in place.

14. What % of Agency Doctors are paid via Direct Engagement Method? And Outside of Direct Engagement?

Please refer to response above.

15. How many doctors working are Deemed Outside of IR35 working at the trust?

Nil (0)