

FoI request re agency and bank staff costs
Ref: 20-SS-1505

Thank you for your request for information relating to agency and bank staff costs.

This was received on 16 April 2020 and has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are not able to provide you with some of the information at this current moment. The NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services. This is impeding our ability to respond to FOI requests in a timely manner as we do not have the capacity to carry out full searches for information.

Please find our responses below:

	Doctors	Nurses	Allied Health Professionals or Health Scientists	Non-Medical, Non-Clinical
Please provide agency spend for the staff group for 2019-20	£1,561,794.97	£4,548,022.25	£2,436,256.28 (AHP, STT, support to nursing staff)	£634,571.71
Please provide bank spend for the staff group for 2019-20	£4,884,454.97	£6,914,503.98	£5,109,869.85 (AHP, STT, support to nursing staff)	£5,994,448.88
Please confirm which model you have in place for managing the staff group: Email to preferred supplier List, a Master Vendor, a Neutral Vendor, or a Software cascade to a preferred supplier list	Preferred supplier list	Allocate cascade to a preferred supplier list	Preferred supplier list	Bank Only
If you have a master vendor or neutral vendor in place, please confirm who this contract is with and the date on	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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which this contract expires				
Please confirm what percentage of bookings over the last 6 months have been within the NHSI/E agency caps (an approximation based on NHSI data submissions is fine)	1.23%	98.98%	95.02%	87.92%
Please confirm which provider manages your direct engagement process, the fee for the service and the date on which this contract expires (no this is not relevant for Nursing)	<p>247 Times Contract under review Commercially sensitive information relating to the fee for the service has not been disclosed here as we consider that Section 43 (2) 'prejudice to the commercial interests of any party' of the FOI act is engaged. Disclosure of this information could distort competition between other providers and result in less competitive quotes. The likely consequence of this would be an increased cost to the trust. We have considered how the public interest might apply, and although recognising that there is a strong public interest in openness, there is a greater public interest in ensuring an ability to obtain best value for money.</p>			
Please confirm what percentage of bookings are processed with a VAT savings by your direct engagement provider				
Is your bank managed by an external bank provider (eg. NHS Professionals, Bank Partners) or in-house? Please confirm who is the external bank provider and when the contract expires if relevant	Bank Partners End data May 2022	Bank Partners End data May 2022	Bank Partners End data May 2022	Bank Partners End data May 2022
Is your bank managed via software? If so, please confirm which software.	Allocate	Allocate	Allocate	Allocate
Is the Trust likely to	This does not fall under the FOI Act.			

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undertake any procurement activity **over the next 18 months related to provision or bank or agency services or software for the relevant staff group.**

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I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

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If you are dissatisfied with this response, Whittington Health operates a complaints procedure, details of which can be found below:

FOI Complaints:

In the first instance, write to:

Director Lead for Information

Governance

Chief Operating Officer
Jenner Building
Magdala Avenue
London
N19 5NF
020 7288 5255
foi.whitthealth@nhs.net

If you remain dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745
www.ico.org.uk

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