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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

Sourced Staffing Arrangements

1a. Do you have a master vendor (MV) or neutral vendor (NV) arrangement in place for sourcing agency staff? -

No

If so, please state which arrangement is in place **N/A**

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

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

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

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.) - **Staff Direct/247Time/Allocate/RL Datix**

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

2d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the DE supplier (dd/mm/yy) - **01/10/2023 to 31/03/2026.**

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? - **£11,907**

Vendor Management System for Nurse Agency

3a. Does the organisation use a third-party Vendor Management System for the supply of nurse agency staff? - **No**

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

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

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 - **RL Datix/Allocate and NHSP**

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

4c. Please provide the contract start and end date for each bank supplier (dd/mm/yy) -
- **RL Datix/Allocate 01/10/2023 to 31/03/2026, NHSP 08/12/2022 to 07/12/2026**

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

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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