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Thank you for your request concerning Agency Doctors.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

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

We use agencies (Preferred Suppliers List) identified through East of England Procurement Hub (Collaboration) framework.

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

Our Interim Head of Medical Staffing.

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

Please see the answer to question 1.

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

We do not work off-framework.

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

Not applicable.

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

We have given full consideration to providing you with the identity of the highest paid agency doctor and feel this constitutes personal data and therefore have applied exemption Section 40(2)¹. This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the Data Protection Act as this question clearly does.

¹ Section 40(2) - Personal Data has been applied. This is because by releasing this information could identify individual(s) and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (2018).

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

We are unable to provide a breakdown by agency, grade and speciality as we do not report agency locum doctors in this way.

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

No.

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?**

Not applicable.

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?**

Not applicable.

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?**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Yes, we use 24/7.

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

100% via Direct Engagement.

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

Zero.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

