

FOI_1578_2023-24 – FOI Request concerning Agency Spend

Please disclose the following information pertaining to the board's use of agency workers (nurses and medical locums etc.)

Section A: Total Agency Spend Per Job Category - Last 6 Months

Please be advised that the information you have requested in Section A has been identified as one of our Frequently Asked Questions areas and as such we publish this information annually. The Information we have available for the last financial year is available at (<https://www.solent.nhs.uk/our-story/publication-scheme/fois-released/>) and therefore exempt under S21 - Information already available. We will be publishing this financial years data in April / May 2024 and therefore this data is exempt under S22 of the FOI Act 2000 - Intended for future publication.

- 1. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the board spend on Agency Medical Locums (including all locum grades, including locum pay, agency fees, on costs etc. - excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee.**
- 2. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the board spend on Agency Nurses (including nurse pay, agency fees, on costs etc. - excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee. Please include all nursing bands, including band 2 HCAs. If possible, please break down the spend by banding.**
- 3. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the board spend on Agency AHP/HSS workers (including all AHP.HSS job roles, including pay, agency fees, on costs etc. - excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee.**
- 4. In the period between 1st August 2023 and 31st January 2024, how much did the board spend on Non-Medical / Non-Clinical (NMNC) agency workers (including all NMNC job roles, including pay, agency fees, on costs etc. - excluding only VAT. Please exclude the cost of any MSP fee (managed service provider fee) where such arrangements mean that this is distinguishable from the agency fee.**

Section B: Supporting Services (Managed Services/Master Vendors/Neutral Vendors /Vendor Management Technology etc.)

- 1. For each of the agency staffing categories mentioned above (Medical Locums, Agency Nurses, AHP/HSS and NMNC), does the board utilise either a technology provision and/or the services of any type of managed service provider (MSP), be it Master Vendor, Neutral Vendor, Managed Service or otherwise, in the course of managing the supply of Medical Locums?**

N/A

If yes to Section B - 1, please also answer 2 and 3:

- 2. For each staff category, please describe the solution in place - including a. the type of solution (i.e. tech or managed services etc.), b. the company providing the service (e.g. Medacs, Retinue, NHSP etc.), c. the cost charged for the solution (e.g. 4% of agency spend, or [X] per timesheet hour), and d. the procurement Framework under which the solution is contracted (e.g. CCS RM6161 or HTE TWS11 Lot 2b etc.).**

For each of the solutions you've listed above, please state the contract expiry date.

N/A

Section C: Procurement Activity and Associated Persons

- 1. Please advise whether the board is likely to undertake procurement activity in relation to any of the solution either that are already in place, or in order to put such a solution in place, in the next 12 months.**
- 2. Please provide the name, email address and telephone number, for the person(s) involved in 'buying' such solutions. In case of the existing contracts mentioned above, please provide the details of the person who would take overall ownership of evaluating the contract renewal moving forward.**

No plans currently.