

Date: 19 May 2020

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 97- 2020**

Thank you for your email dated the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020, requesting information relating to bank and agency use at the Trust.

The information that you require is as follows:

	Doctors	Nurses	Allied Health Professionals or Health Scientists	Non-Medical, Non-Clinical
Please provide <b>agency spend</b> for the staff group for 2019-20	1,758k	29k	54k	64k
Please provide <b>bank spend</b> for the staff group for 2019-20	Not Applicable	216k	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Please confirm <b>which model</b> you have in place for managing the staff group: Email to preferred supplier List,	Software cascade to a preferred supplier list	NHS Professionals	NHS Professionals	NHS Professionals

a Master Vendor, a Neutral Vendor, or a Software cascade to a preferred supplier list				
If you have a master vendor or neutral vendor in place, please confirm <b>who</b> this contract is with and the date on which this <b>contract expires</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
Please confirm what percentage of bookings over the last 6 months have been <b>within the NHSI/E agency caps</b> (an approximation based on NHSI data submissions is fine)	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Please confirm <b>which provider</b> manages your direct engagement process, <b>the fee</b> for the	<b>Provider: Liaison Fee: Section 43 applied, see note below</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>

service and the date on which this <b>contract expires</b> (no this is not relevant for Nursing)	<b>Contract Expiry Date: 23.01.22</b>			
Please confirm what <b>percentage of bookings</b> are processed with a VAT savings by your direct engagement provider	<b>92.65%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Is your bank managed by an external bank provider (eg. NHS Professionals , Bank Partners) or in-house? Please confirm <b>who</b> is the external bank provider and when the <b>contract expires</b> if relevant	<b>In-house</b>	<b>Provider: NHS Professionals</b> <b>Contract Expiry Date: 30.06.2023</b>	<b>Provider: NHS Professionals</b> <b>Contract Expiry Date: 30.06.2023</b>	<b>Provider: NHS Professionals</b> <b>Contract Expiry Date: 30.06.2023</b>
Is your bank managed via software? If so, please confirm <b>which software</b> .	<b>No</b>	<b>NHS Professionals</b>	<b>NHS Professionals</b>	<b>NHS Professionals</b>
Is the Trust likely to	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

undertake <b>any procurement activity</b> over the next 18 months related to provision or bank or agency services or software for the relevant staff group.				
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**Information is Commercial in Confidence - Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.**

**Section 43 of the FOIA states 'information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret' and 'if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).**

**When applying Section 43 we have to apply the public interest in withholding/disclosing this information. The use of this exemption is to be carefully considered. The factors in favour of disclosure of this information, including the general public interest and greater transparency and accountability, were carefully weighed against the need to allow suppliers and organisations the space to conduct their lawful business competitively and without fear of disclosure of sensitive commercial information. Supplying this information would identify individual pricing structures, and as a result could potentially prejudice the third parties ability to conduct their business in a competitive market. Therefore on this basis, the Trust feels that the information requested is justifiably exempt under Section 43 of the Act.**

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.