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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

I lead on Workforce, Recruitment and Technology Solutions for Medican Training with the aim of supporting the NHS deliver greater savings, efficiencies and outcomes, whilst also working on Agency Reduction Programmes, and Technology Interoperability aligning to NHS England Long Term Workforce Plan, and Secretary of State technological vision.

I know the NHS is under pressure and scrutiny to ensure all NHS Trusts and ICB's/ICS's consider and scope alternative Workforce Solutions and Technology v's current incumbent providers to ensure fit for purpose, cost effectiveness and interoperable solutions are procured.

With that in mind I am keen to establish the landscape around contracts, suppliers, and activity and spend of your Trust.

Response

1. What current Staffing Rosters are in place and operational, there contract end date per service, annual/contract fee's/costs, plus How many users/licenses per product?	<p>The Trust utilises Allocate and Medirota to provide an e-rostering solution.</p> <p>Providing cost would reveal commercial in confidence contract pricing arrangements so as per FOI Exemption 43 (2):</p> <p><i>Fol exemption 43 (2) 'Commercial Interests' : The level of competition currently experienced within the NHS is such that the release of detailed information specifically relating to service level reporting detailing capacity and funding would have a prejudicial impact on the Trust resulting in it being less competitive. Therefore, the Trust wishes to use Freedom of Information exemption section 43 (2) Commercial Interests (where Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely</i></p>
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	<p>to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)</p> <p>Allocate Licenses 4,600</p> <p>Medirota 870 rostered users</p>
<p>2. What Direct Engagement Technology VAT efficiency model/provider is in place, and for what staffing group's i.e., Locums, AHP, NMNC etc. What's the cost per annum? As a pence per hour, or percentage model? And expiry date of this contract? What savings were delivered via DE 22/23 last 12 months?</p>	<p>The Trust utilise Allocate Staff Direct (24/7 Time) to provide VAT efficiency for all groups of staff as and when required.</p> <p>Providing cost would reveal commercial in confidence contract pricing arrangements so as per FOI Exemption 43 (2):</p> <p>Fol exemption 43 (2) 'Commercial Interests' : The level of competition currently experienced within the NHS is such that the release of detailed information specifically relating to service level reporting detailing capacity and funding would have a prejudicial impact on the Trust resulting in it being less competitive. Therefore, the Trust wishes to use Freedom of Information exemption section 43 (2) Commercial Interests (where Information is exempt information 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)).</p>
<p>3. What is the current spend (£) for Nursing, Locums, AHP, NMNC and Facilities Management separately across Agency utilisation or contractors at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?</p>	<p>Based on month of December 2023:</p> <p>Nursing - £56,210</p> <p>Medical - £178,968</p> <p>AHP - £5,788</p> <p>NMNC - £0</p> <p>Facilities Management - £0</p>
<p>4. Who manages your current Staff Bank? And for What Staffing Groups? Also, what annual costs are associated with your staff bank to provide this service?</p>	<p>The Trust staff bank is managed by the Temporary Staffing Manager for all staffing groups.</p> <p>Annual cost of staff bank (2022/23) - £238,000</p>
<p>5. How many Nurses, Doctors or AHP's were procured via International Recruitment during 2023? And who are the suppliers, contract term, and expiry</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>6. Who are the main providers for Clinical Insourcing/Outsourcing/Mobile Units to help reduce waiting lists across all services, i.e. Theatres/Endoscopy/Dermatology etc.. and What's the annual spend and contract end date.</p>	<p>Cobalt – CT & MRI mobile units - £2.45m annual spend. Contract ends 31/03/24.</p> <p>4ways – Imaging Reporting – annual spend £590k – contract ongoing.</p> <p>Everlight Radiology – Imaging Reporting – annual spend £615k – contract ongoing.</p> <p>Medicare – Imaging Reporting – annual spend £125k – contract ongoing.</p>

	<p>Teleconsult UK – Imaging Reporting – annual spend £472k – contract ongoing.</p> <p>Express Diagnostics – Cardiac Ambulatory ECG monitoring – spend to date £133k – contract ended November 2023</p> <p>HealthNow – Cardiac Echo Scanning – spend in 23/24 fin year £336k – contract ends 31/03/24.</p> <p>18 Weeks Support – Neurology Outpatients – annual spend £326k – contract ends 31/03/24.</p> <p>18 Weeks Support – Dermatology Outpatients – annual spend £100k – contract ends 31/03/24</p>
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If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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

Yours sincerely

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