

Trust Headquarters
Russell's Hall Hospital
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Ref: FOI-00022

Date: 4/8/23

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

1. What is your current bank spend for the last 12 months? – ***£39.293m, excluding the Covid Vaccination Programme***
2. What is your current agency spend for the last 12 months? - ***£16.988m, excluding the Covid vaccination programme***
3. Do you have a Managed Bank Provider or a Bank System Provider? If so who is the Provider and what is the contract end date?
4. What is your current fill rate for bank?
5. Do you have a Master Vendor or Neutral Vendor provider? If so who is the Provider and what is the contract end date?
6. What is your current fill rate for agency? –
7. Do you have a Direct Engagement Provider? If so who is the Provider, what is the fee and what is the contract end date? –
8. If you have Direct Engagement in place what is the current % uptake? -

Questions 3 to 8

The Trust has received a number of requests asking about agency and bank spend and we therefore ask you check out our disclosure log of previous FOI requests for the remaining information you have requested. Please click [here](#) to access our disclosure log on our website and use the search box to enter key words such as 'agency'. Some FOI reference numbers that may be useful to you are 017622, 000153

Please note, when searching for a response by word all FOI requests that were logged from 1/4/23 will show on the first page onwards and any FOI requests that were logged up until 31/3/23 will be shown on the last pages of the disclosure log. This is due to a new database and numbering system being deployed.

The Trust has almost eliminated agency usage and only uses agencies in extenuating circumstances and where authorised in order to support our financial plans and our patient experience. We have recruited significant numbers of additional staff and are making progress with reducing nursing vacancies.

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.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Tel: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

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