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Temporary Staff Management

Sourced Staffing

1a. Do you have a master vendor (MV) or neutral vendor (NV) arrangement in place for sourcing agency staff? If so, please state which arrangement is in place

Neutral vendor

1b. What is the name of the MV/NV provider(s) and what staffing groups do they source? e.g. medical, nursing etc.

HSCNI as a region has 3 frameworks for the provision of agency staff. Medical and Dental, Non-medical and Nursing/health care support workers. See attached for a full list of agency suppliers engaged on each framework. Please note, not all suppliers on the framework will necessarily provide staffing to all professional groups or to all HSCNI organisations (including the Belfast Trust).

1c. As part of the arrangement, is any technology provided by the supplier to help manage the procurement of agency staff?

No

1d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the supplier (dd/mm/yy)

The information requested is exempt under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) Section 43: Commercial Interests. Disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any company currently, or in the near future, applying through procurement to be a supplier to the Trust. The arguments to maintain this exemption outweigh the arguments for disclosure.

Direct Engagement

2a. Does the organisation use a third party to provide a Direct Engagement/Outsourced Employment Solution? (This is where the NHS organisation sources agency staff via a recruitment agency but hold a direct contract between the organisation and the worker - there is often VAT savings associated to this employment model)

Yes

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2b. What is the name of the Direct Engagement (DE)/Outsourced Employment supplier (e.g 247Time/Allocate, PlusUs, Retinue, Liaison etc.)

Health Sector Talent

2c. Under the DE/Outsourced Employment arrangement, which staffing groups are managed? For example; Medical, Admin, Scientific staff. Please list all applicable

All

2d. Please provide the contract start and end date for the DE supplier (dd/mm/yy)

The information requested is not held by Belfast Trust. The contract is with the Department of Health, not Belfast Trust.

2f. How much did the organisation pay the supplier in 21/22 (April 2021 to March 2022) for the provision of the direct engagement service?

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Vendor Management System for Nurse Agency

3a. Does the organisation use a third-party Vendor Management System for the supply of nurse agency staff?

No

3b. Who supplies your Vendor Management System? E.g. Allocate, NHSP etc.

Information is not available.

3c. Please provide the contract start and end date for this provider (dd/mm/yy)

Information is not available.

Bank Management

4a. Please name the technology provider used to manage the supply of your bank staff, inclusive of any outsourced or managed arrangements (i.e. NHSP, Bank Partners, Allocate, Liaison, Patchwork, Locum's Nest etc). If more than one supplier is used, please name all suppliers

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None

4b. Please name the staffing group each provider is used for e.g. medical, nursing, AHPs, admin and clerical

Information is not available.

4c. Please provide the contract start and end date for each bank supplier (dd/mm/yy)

Information is not available.

4d. How much did the organisation pay the supplier(s) in 21/22 for the provision of the bank service?

Information is not available.