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Therapy Partners

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information regarding your Therapy and Community Rehabilitation services, including Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy, and Dietetics:

Are any of these services currently delivered by external providers through:

Insourcing

Outsourcing

Subcontracting

For each external provider currently engaged, please provide:

A new Regional Multi-disciplinary Agency Framework is established across Northern Ireland and Trusts will only be permitted to source agency staff from the list of suppliers who have successfully tendered to be included in the Framework.

In relation to the below: The Regional Multi-disciplinary Agency Framework is established across Northern Ireland and is managed by the Business Service Organisation. We are unable to provide a response to the questions below.

Name of the provider

Type of engagement (insourced, outsourced, subcontracted)

Service(s) provided

Contract start date

Contract end date or review date

Annual contract value or total spend to date Volume of activity delivered (e.g. number of patients seen, sessions delivered, or hours worked) Performance metrics or KPIs, if available Was the contract awarded via a framework or open tender? If so, please specify which framework (e.g. NHS SBS, HealthTrust Europe, etc.).

Who is the internal lead responsible for managing these contracts? Please provide their job title and department.

The Regional Multi-disciplinary Agency Framework is managed by the Business Service Organisation in conjunction with Trust Human Resources Department..

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Who do the external providers report into operationally within your organisation? (e.g. Clinical Lead, Service Manager)

External providers report to relevant Clinical lead or senior practitioner within the profession they are working in.

Are there any current or upcoming plans to procure additional external support for these services in the next 12 months?

Any additional external support will be commissioned under the Agency Framework as and when required.

Have you experienced any challenges in meeting waiting time targets or service demand in these areas over the past 12 months?

Demand across AHP professions has increased and waiting time targets are managed via ministerial guidelines. All services are working towards implementing initiatives to take forward the Health Ministers elective care plan.