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## Agency Staffing Technology

1. Does the Trust use technology, i.e. a booking portal / vendor management system, to manage Medical Locum spend? If so, which company provides this system?

- No

2. What procurement process was followed to award this contract (i.e. was there a tender process or a mini competition via a Framework)?

3. Did BSO PaLS lead this procurement exercise or was the Trust solely responsible?

4. Who is the signatory on the contract, on behalf of the Trust?

5. How many whole months has the system been live for to date?

6. During the period of whole months since the system first went live, how much money has the Trust paid to the technology provider for the technology (including any implementation fee, software licence fees etc. but excluding the cost of the Medical Locums agency invoices which may be processed via the software)?

7. How much has the software provider charged the Trust, per month, for the last 6 calendar months (to the end of January 2024)? Please list per month; i.e. for August 2023, September 2023, October 2023, November 2023, December 2023 and January 2024; and please include the total charged for the 6 months.

8. What is the total cost difference, increase or decrease, between the amount the Trust spent on Medical Locums during the six months to the end of January 2024, compared to the same 6 months the previous year excluding the cost of the software?

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10. Is there a plan to exit the contract during or before the next financial year, if so, when? Will this involve the recuperation of any cost where the cost of the solution has not delivered a net saving to the taxpayer?

11. Is there a plan to continue or extend the contract into or beyond the next financial year?

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**12. Is there a plan to procure an alternative solution during the next financial year?**

- Responses from Qu 2 to 12 – N/A