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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6227

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 13th March 2024.

Your request was as follows:

1. Does the Trust have a Managed Service (MSP) or MV or an external Bank supplier for the recruitment of agency staff? Please break this down into Doctors, Nursing & AHP if appropriate.

Medical/Dental - No service provider.

Allied Health Professionals/Scientific, Therapeutic and Technical - NHSP, master vendor, contract expiry 31/07/2024

Nursing and Midwifery/Healthcare Assistants - NHSP, master vendor, contract expiry 31/07/2024

Non-Medical, Non-Clinical - NHSP, master vendor, contract expiry 31/07/2024

2. If yes, who is that contract with and when does it end?

AHP - NHSP 31/07/24

Nursing - NHSP 31/07/24

Non-Medical, Non-Clinical - NHSP 31/07/24

3. If yes, how did the Trust review whether the supplier followed ethical business practices, what ethical insights did they gather?

The Trust do not actively perform this review, however each supplier before doing business with the trust are subject to pre financial checks that must be completed as part of a supplier set up process.

4. What steps do the Trust take to ensure suppliers are paying their fair share of taxes and acting with integrity.

The Trust does not have a measure in place to ensure suppliers are paying their fair share of taxes. This is the responsibility of the supplier. However, suppliers are subject to pre-financial checks before beginning business with the Trust that provides the Trust with assurances that they are eligible for business.

5. Who is responsible within the Trust, for ensuring that suppliers follow ethical business practices?

The Trust does have a modern slavery document that suppliers have to adhere to. Suppliers are also subject to pre-financial checks before beginning business with the Trust that provides the Trust with assurances that they are eligible for business as well as safe.

Please see our response above in blue.



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Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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