



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 197

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 07/07/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

1. Please advise the total staff headcount that are employed directly by Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust, with each part-time employee counted as one employee. Please exclude all temporary agency workers from this figure.

6197 headcount of permanent, fixed term and bank staff.

2. Please identify each supplier that Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust has a contract with to supply temporary agency workers.

The Trust does not have neutral or master vendor arrangements and don't generally have contracts that commit us in advance to taking staff from particular agencies, although we may have individual agency workers for whom we have entered into formal or informal fixed term agreements.

3. Please identify: a. the type of contract that Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust has with each of these suppliers (preferred supplier list/ framework/ etc. If framework, please indicate b. which - e.g. MSTAR/ YPO/ Panel London/ Pan London/ NPS All Wales/ Crown Commercial Services/ etc.; and c. whether this is on a neutral/ master/ hybrid vendor model, or the lot number.

The Trust uses, has made use of, or will where appropriate make use of the following frameworks:

- Crown Commercial Services: RM971 Non-Medical Non-Clinical
- Crown Commercial Services: RM1570 Locum Doctors (including Locum GPs)
- Crown Commercial Services: RM3711 Multidisciplinary Temporary Healthcare Personnel
- Crown Commercial Services: RM970 Agency Nurses and Social Care Workers
- Crown Commercial Services: RM959 Allied Health Professionals, and Health Science and Emergency Services staff
- HealthTrust Europe: Nursing and Care Services Flexible Workers
- HealthTrust Europe: Temporary Allied Health Professionals and Health Science
- HealthTrust Europe: Framework for provision of Medical Locums and Locum General Practitioners

- NHS Collaborative Procurement Partnership: National Collaborative Framework for the supply of Nursing and Nursing-related staff
- NHS London Procurement Partnership: Allied Health Professionals and Health Science Services
- NHS London Procurement Partnership: Medical Locums Framework Agreement.

In addition bookings have been made during the year 2015/16 on an off-framework basis. Without considerable additional work it is not possible to identify which bookings for which agencies were made under which frameworks.

DRC Locums is the Tier 1 supplier for nursing agency. There is currently no Tier 1 arrangement for medical locums. Booking of other staff groups is not centralised and particular arrangements may exist in individual departments.

4. Please advise for each contract identified within (2) above of: a. the current end date of the contract; b. the date(s) that any break clause(s) can be enabled; and c. the length of time of any extension that can be enabled.

The Tier 1 arrangement for nursing with DRC Locums is under the LPP Lot 2 Framework agreement and is on-going on that basis. The Trust does not have any neutral or master vendor agreements. In general the Trust does not have arrangements that commit it to taking staff from particular agencies, although there may be formal or informal fixed term commitments in respect of particular agency workers.

5. Please advise of the full name (we would not supply this) of the main contact at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust who is responsible for the main (or majority of the) contract(s) identified within (2) above, together with their:

- a. job title; **Head of Nursing Infomatics**
- b. group (either team, division or department, whichever is the smallest identifiable group); **Nurse Bank Admin Team**
- c. telephone number; **01604 634700**
- d. email; and dataprotectionact@ngh.nhs.uk
- e. full postal address, inc postcode. **NGH Cliftonville, Northampton, NN1 5BD**

6. Please identify all suppliers that Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust has sourced a temporary agency worker from - but does not have a contract with - from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

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We can confirm that the amount of time required to extract and provide the information as requested would exceed the 18 hours permitted for an individual FOI request.

7. For each temporary agency supplier (either a. contracted as identified within (2) above; b. non-contracted as identified within (6) above; and c. all workers Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust has sourced directly), how much has been spent on each supplier (or directly), from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016?

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