

Ref: FOI/2024/10381

Date Received: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Response Due: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**I would like to request the following information regarding your Trust's use of agency IT contractors.**

**1. Agency Spend**

**Total spend on agency IT contractors for the calendar years 2023 and 2024 (January to December)**

2023 = £681.578.

2024 = £284.552.

**2. Contractor Numbers**

**The total number of IT contractors engaged during the same period, 2023 and 2024 (January to December)**

2023 = 9.

2024 = 4.

**3. Framework Spend**

**Of the total agency spend, what percentage was allocated to providers on NHS-approved frameworks?**

All our agency spend is via framework.

**4. Preferred NHS Agency Framework**

**What is the name of your preferred NHS framework for IT contractors?**

G-Cloud CCS Framework.

**5. Agency Usage**

**The names of the agencies most frequently used for supplying IT contractors during this period?**

Evolution Recruitment Solutions Ltd, IT Works, Max 20 and Venn Group.

**6. Future Projects**

**Are there any planned IT projects for the current or upcoming year that may require agency IT contractors?**

Yes.

**7. Departmental Requests**

**Which departments within the Trust typically request IT contractors?**

IT Services.

**8. Procurement Arrangements**

**Does the Trust have formal agency arrangements in place for the procurement of IT contractors?**

The Trust does not have a set agency.

**Does the share IT services/departments with other trusts. If so which Trusts collaborate?**

No.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Garry Harris  
Deputy Director Digital & Chief Technology Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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