



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-411

Date: 6th January 2025

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to your email dated 23rd September 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Use of External Consultants.

We apologise for the delay.

Q1 I'm seeking information on the use of non-clinical management consultants hired by your Trust for advisory or project-based roles, specifically related to workforce management, cost reduction, financial efficiency or operational improvement. Please exclude any data related to Medical Locums, Clinical Consultants (doctors) or agency staff (unless upholding a post aligned with those mentioned above).

Please disclose the following information in accordance with the rules of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. During the period between 1st April 2024 and 31st August 2024, how many external consultants were contracted by the Trust and what were their job roles (for example Software Developer, Agency Cost Reduction Program Director, Service Efficiency Lead etc.)? (For clarity, I'm referring to individuals, not Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) numbers).

A1 4 – IT Related Programmes/Projects

Q2 Please list the Job Title / Role, pay type (Umbrella / PSC etc.), rate type (day rate, hourly) of any contractors / consultants engaged with the Trust at any time during April, May, June, July and August 2024. Please use the template below and include a one line description of the core purpose of the role (responsibilities / objectives), and whether the role pertains to the Trust only, or to a wider ICB project.

Job Title / Role	Pay Type (i.e. Umbrella, PSC etc.)	Rate Type (i.e. Daily or Hourly)	Trust or ICB	Core Responsibility / Objective(s)

A2 See below:

Job Title / Role	Pay Type (i.e. Umbrella, PSC etc.)	Rate Type (i.e. Daily or Hourly)	Trust or ICB	Core Responsibility / Objective(s)
Senior Operations/Infrastructure technical support	Umbrella	Hourly	Trust	To provide support to the delivery of projects within the Infrastructure Team
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Project Manager	Umbrella	Hourly	Trust	Support the implementation of the PACS refresh project
Desktop Engineer	Umbrella	Hourly	Trust	Support the build and deployment of equipment across the site

Q3 For each job role, what was the average cost invoiced to the Trust, per day, per contractor, between 1st April 2024 and 31st 2024.

A3 See below:

Senior Operations/Infrastructure technical support	£342.13
Project Manager	£301.20
Desktop Engineer	£324.00

Q4 For each of the job roles, what is the average tenure of those who were engaged at any time during 1st April 2024 and 31st August 2024. If they are still in post, please detail their start date and earliest anticipated end date.

A4 See below:

Senior Operations/Infrastructure technical support	March 2024	March 2025
Project Manager	March 2024	March 2025
Desktop Engineer	April 2024	July 2025

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



Rachel Montinaro
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