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Subject: Freedom of Information Request – Total Workforce Solutions HTE or RM6281 Workforce Alliance Framework Details

Dear University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information about the usage and supplier management of the RM6281 Workforce Alliance framework within your Trust. Please respond to the following questions:

1. **Supplier Addition (Lot 1 under RM6281):**

- How many approved suppliers have been added to the Trust's supplier list for Lot 1 under RM6281 from 1st July, 2024 to 30th October 2024?

The Trust uses HTE TWS II and does not use this framework

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2. **Framework Usage Confirmation:**

- Does the Trust currently use the RM6281 framework or Total Workforce Solutions HTE for staffing requirements?

HTE TWS II

3. **Preferred Supplier List (PSL):**

- What are the names of the agencies on your PSL that supply agency staff under Lot 1 RM6281 framework or Total Workforce Solution HTE, and what tier is each agency assigned to?

Maxxima – AHP/HSS

Day Webster – Nursing

Misc Medical Locums suppliers via HTE TWS II – [Please see attached information](#)

4. **Shift Booking Above NHSE Capped Rate:**

- How many shifts were booked above the NHS England capped rate from 1st July, 2024 to 30th October 2024?

15,343

5. **Spending on Off-Framework Agencies:**

- What was the total spent on off-framework agencies from 1st July, 2024 to 30th October 2024?

£ 33,000.00

- What are the names of these agencies, and what reasons are there for their continued use despite NHS England's restrictions?

HD Clinical were used only for a short period of time in August 2024, in Endoscopy Services, as part of the Elective recovery programme of work, in reducing waiting times. Patients would have been cancelled if not used.

Generally, we don't normally have off-framework use.

6. **Spend on Approved Framework Suppliers:**

- What was the total spent on approved framework suppliers between 1st July, 2024 to 30th October 2024?

£6,704,884.

- In which area of specialty within Lot 1 does the Trust require a supplier that can book shifts within the capped rate to avoid breaches?

N/A – Trust does not use RM6281

- If applicable, what are the reasons for breaches of the capped rates for shifts?

7. Framework Supplier Addition:

- Would the Trust add an approved framework supplier immediately if it could help reduce breaches of the NHSE capped rate?

Yes ,directly for Medical Locums or via the Master Vendors for AHP/HSS and Nursing

8. Spending on Framework Agencies:

- How much was spent on framework agencies from 1st July, 2024 to 30th October 2024?

As answer 6

9. Supplier Selection Process:

- Does the Trust use Direct Award or Further Competition to select suppliers?

Further competition

- What criteria are used to select suppliers, and is the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) principle applied?

The competitive processes are conducted by Health Trust Europe on behalf of the Trust

10. Audit Trail for Contract Awards:

- Could you provide a documented audit trail showing how contract awards were made, particularly for direct awards? This documentation should align with RM6281's Framework Schedule 7, which requires clear justification and transparency in awarding contracts.

The contract was tendered on behalf of the Trust by Health Trust Europe as part of a larger collaborative contract, therefore Health Trust Europe retain all of the documentation for the tendering process. The Trust did not award any contracts via RM6281.

11. Neutral Vendor Information (if outsourced):

- If a neutral or master vendor is used, please provide the organisation's name, contact person, email, and office contact number.

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12. Further Competition and Framework Adherence:

- What was the date of the last further competition conducted?
- Has the Trust fully transitioned to using RM6281 and followed the guidance in Schedule 7 for supplier selection?
- Can you confirm adherence to the MEAT guidance provided in the framework?

Not applicable as the Trust uses Health Trust Europe Total Workforce Solutions III not RM6281

13. Agency Spend Clarification:

- We have reviewed your organisation's FOI website but could not locate the requested information. If any part of these questions is unclear or incomplete, please provide a full response or reach out for clarification.

- **This is a statement and not a question**

Thank you for your assistance. If any part of this request exceeds the cost limits set under Section 12, please advise on how the scope may be refined. I look forward to your response within the statutory 20 working days.

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