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Dear Charles Graham

**Re: FOI request FOIAH2324/713**

Further to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please find a response to your questions below.

- Q1 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.
- A1 Yes, for all staff groups with the exception of the medical and dental workforce
- Q2 If yes, who is that contract with and when does it end?
- A2 NHS Professionals – 31/07/2024
- Q3 If yes, how did the Trust review whether the supplier followed ethical business practices, what ethical insights did they gather?
- A3 This contract was awarded via a national framework agreement. As part of the framework award process, the framework provider undertakes all relevant due diligence required for each supplier bidding to be awarded onto the framework agreement.
- Q4 What steps do the Trust take to ensure suppliers are paying their fair share of taxes and acting with integrity.
- A4 This contract was awarded via a national framework agreement. As part of the framework award process, the framework provider undertakes all relevant due diligence required for each supplier bidding to be awarded onto the framework agreement, this includes a review of each supplier's financial information.
- Q5 Who is responsible within the Trust, for ensuring that suppliers follow ethical business practices?
- A5 The Trust's Procurement is managed by Health Procurement Liverpool (HPL) who undertake due diligence during any invitation to tender process, prior to awarding a contract. For further information you may wish to contact them direct via [wcf-tr.healthprocurementliverpool@nhs.net](mailto:wcf-tr.healthprocurementliverpool@nhs.net)

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Yours sincerely

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