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Subject: Total Workforce Solutions HealthTrust Europe (HTE) and RM6281 Workforce Alliance Framework Details

Q1 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?

A1 Zero

Q2 Does the Trust currently use the RM6281 framework or Total Workforce Solutions HTE for staffing requirements?

A2 Health Trust Europe (THE)

Q3 What are the names of the agencies on your Preferred Supplier List (PSL) that supply agency staff under Lot 1 RM6281 framework or Total Workforce Solution HTE, and what tier is each agency assigned to?

A3 The Trust uses the framework's approved agencies.

Q4 How many shifts were booked above the NHS England capped rate from 1st July, 2024 to 30th October 2024?

A4 460

Q5 a) What was the total spend on off-framework agencies from 1st July, 2024 to 30th October 2024?

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

A5 a) £3,603
b) Medics Pro

Q6 a) What was the total spend on approved framework suppliers between 1st July, 2024 to 30th October 2024?

b) 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?

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

A6 a) £464,605
b & c) Information not held - no requirement for a supplier that can book shifts within the capped rate to avoid breaches.

Q7 Would the Trust add an approved framework supplier immediately if it could help reduce breaches of the NHSE capped rate?

- A7 Not Applicable – we only use framework's approved agencies.
- Q8 How much was spent on framework agencies from 1st July, 2024 to 30th October 2024?
- A8 £464,605
- Q9 a) Does the Trust use Direct Award or Further Competition to select suppliers?
b) What criteria are used to select suppliers, and is the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) principle applied?
- A9 a) Direct Award
b) No, we use the Agency that has available workers within the NHSE rate price cap.
- Q10 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.
- A10 Trust does not use RM6281.
- Q11 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.
- A11 Health Trust Europe (HTE)

Contact/ email/ contact number - Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.
- Q12 a) What was the date of the last further competition conducted?
b) Has the Trust fully transitioned to using RM6281 and followed the guidance in Schedule 7 for supplier selection?
c) Can you confirm adherence to the MEAT guidance provided in the framework?
- A12 Not applicable, as per A9 and A10.