

29 September 2023

## Freedom of Information request 650-23

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### Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you please provide me with the following information in relation to temporary agency staffing.

#### 1. **Neutral Vend (NV) or Master Vend (MV) Agency Supplier:**

##### i. Medical

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier?

##### ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier

##### iii. Nursing

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier

##### iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier

#### 2. **Direct Engagement (DE):**

##### i. Medical

- Name of the DE provider
- Expiry date of contract with the DE provider
- % of DE currently achieved

##### ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

- Name of the DE provider
- Expiry date of contract with the DE provider
- % of DE currently achieved

##### iii. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

- Name of the DE provider
- Expiry date of contract with the DE provider
- % of DE currently achieved

#### 3. **Financial Year 2022/2023 - spend figures on temporary agency staffing – (worker pay & agency commission only):**

##### i. Medical

##### ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

##### iii. Nursing

##### iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

#### 4. **Financial Year 2022/2023 - number of hours worked by temporary agency workers:**

##### i. Medical

##### ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

##### iii. Nursing

##### iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

#### 5. **Contact responsible for temporary agency staffing at the Health Board:**

##### i. Workforce Lead

- Name

- Job Title
- ii. Procurement Lead
  - Name
  - Job Title
- iii. Finance Lead
  - Name
  - Job Title

## Response

### 1. Neutral Vend (NV) or Master Vend (MV) Agency Supplier:

#### i. Medical

NP500 - Supply of Agency Temporary Medical Locum Doctors (National Procurement Framework) Preferred Suppliers list – National Procurement collaborative contract details below. Framework End Date: 01/11/2025

[View Contract - Public Contracts Scotland](#)

#### ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

NP505 - Temporary Agency Allied Health Professionals & Other Clinical Professions (National Procurement Framework). Preferred Suppliers list – National Procurement sectorial collaborative contract details below. Framework End Date: 08/10/2023

[View Contract - Public Contracts Scotland](#)

#### iii. Nursing

Nursing Agency is managed by NHS Lothian on behalf of NHS Borders, therefore, under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this data is accessible elsewhere. For your information, please find below a link to NHS Lothian:

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#### iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

Scottish Government Framework Preferred Suppliers List details below

[Procurement - temporary and interim staff services frameworks 2019 to 2023 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

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### 3. Financial Year 2022/2023 - spend figures on temporary agency staffing – (worker pay & agency commission only):

#### i. Medical

£2,965,822

#### ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

£388,300

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## **4. Financial Year 2022/2023 - number of hours worked by temporary agency workers:**

### i. Medical

This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

### ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

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## **5. Contact responsible for temporary agency staffing at the Health Board:**

### i. Workforce Lead

- Ailsa Paterson
- Deputy Director of HR

### ii. Procurement Lead

- Shona Milne
- Head of Procurement

### iii. Finance Lead

- Janice Cockburn
- Deputy Director of Finance

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **650-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.