

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-095

25 February 2025

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

1. Direct Engagement – Management of direct engagement of staff.

The Trust currently has DE for doctors only provided through Litmus. From 1st April 2025 DE will be provided for agency doctors and AHP's through the new master vendor contract.

2. Neutral Vendor Contracts – Oversight of neutral vendor agreements for agency staff.

The Trust's current neutral vendor arrangement for doctors (Litmus) and nurses and AHP's (Retinue) come to an end on 31st March 2025.

3. Bank Staff Management – Administration and management of staff banks.

The provision of bank staff is managed internally by the Trust Bank Office.

4. Master Vendor Contracts – Oversight and management of master vendor contracts.

For each of these areas, please provide the following information:

- The name(s) of the company or organization managing these services, if applicable.
- A brief description of their roles and responsibilities.
- Confirmation if the service is managed internally by the Trust, and if so, whether this is supported by any platforms or tools (in-house or otherwise).
- If a platform is used internally, confirmation that it is not managed by a third party.
- Confirmation if a particular area is not applicable to your Trust.
- An end date for the contract if applicable.

A new master vendor contract (ID Medical) for all staff groups agency supply commences on 1st April 2025 on a 2-year contract term.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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