

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-624

22nd August 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

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding your Trust's use of Master Vendor and/or Neutral Vendor staffing arrangements:

Master Vendor Service

- 1. Does your Trust have a Master Vendor service in place? - Yes**
- 2. If yes, which agency provides this service? – ID Medical?**
- 3. What technology platform is used to manage this service? - Allocate**
- 4. What is the end date of the current agreement/contract? - 1st April 2027**
- 5. What cost (if any) is incurred by the Trust for this service? - This is dependent on shifts usage.**
- 6. Which staffing groups are covered under the Master Vendor service? - Locums, AHPS and nurses**
- 7. What is the average fill rate achieved under this service over the past 12 months? - 86%**

Neutral Vendor Service

- 1. Does your Trust have a Neutral Vendor service in place? - No**
- 2. If yes, which agency provides this service? – Not applicable**
- 3. What technology platform is used to manage this service? – Not applicable**
- 4. What is the end date of the current agreement/contract? – Not applicable**
- 5. What cost (if any) is incurred by the Trust for this service? – Not applicable**
- 6. Which staffing groups are covered under the Neutral Vendor service? – Not applicable**
- 7. What is the average fill rate achieved under this service over the past 12 months? – Not applicable**

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

Publication

Please note that this letter and the information included/attached will be published on our website as part of the Trust's Freedom of Information Publication Log. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed to the public, not just to the individual making the request. We will remove any personal information (such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

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Yours sincerely

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