

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I'm seeking information on the use of non-clinical management consultants hired by your Trust for advisory or project-based roles, specifically related to workforce management, cost reduction, financial efficiency or operational improvement. Please exclude any data related to Medical Locums, Clinical Consultants (doctors) or agency staff (unless upholding a post aligned with those mentioned above).

Please disclose the following information in accordance with the rules of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. During the period between 1st April 2024 and 31st August 2024, how many external consultants were contracted by the Trust and what were their job roles (for example Software Developer, Agency Cost Reduction Program Director, Service Efficiency Lead etc.)? (For clarity, I'm referring to individuals, not Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) numbers).

1 SQL DBA, 1 Interop Specialist

2. Please list the Job Title / Role, pay type (Umbrella / PSC etc.), rate type (day rate, hourly) of any contractors / consultants engaged with the Trust at any time during April, May, June, July and August 2024. Please use the template below and include a one line description of the core purpose of the role (responsibilities / objectives), and whether the role pertains to the Trust only, or to a wider ICB project.

Job Title / Role	Pay Type (i.e. Umbrella, PSC etc.)	Rate Type (i.e. Daily or Hourly)	Trust or ICB	Core Responsibility / Objective(s)
Interoperability Consultant	Agency	Daily	Trust	Designing, developing, and implementing Data interfaces to support record sharing.
SQL dev	Agency	Daily	Trust	SQL DBA, Power BI Activities

3. For each job role, what was the average cost invoiced to the Trust, per day, per contractor, between 1st April 2024 and 31st 2024.

Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any legal person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

4. For each of the job roles, what is the average tenure of those who were engaged at any time during 1st April 2024 and 31st August 2024. If they are still in post, please detail their start date and earliest anticipated end date.

4 months, no expected renewals and no further appointment of agency staff planned.

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