

### ***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

#### **1. Compliance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015: Please provide information on how the Trust ensures that the awarding of contracts under Lot 1 of the Workforce Alliance RM6281 framework adheres to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.**

This is completed through the procurement team in accordance with the supplier award processes under the framework.

#### **2. Non-discrimination and Fairness: How does the Trust ensure that it does not discriminate or act unfairly towards suppliers when selecting contractors under this framework?**

The Trust has established relationships with its current suppliers and is not taking on new suppliers. If and when the Trust's current suppliers are not able to fulfil the requirements under Lot 1 then the Trust will follow a fair procurement process to increase its supplier contracts.

#### **3. Supplier Invitation: Does the Trust invite all approved suppliers under the framework to bid or supply services, as stipulated by the framework's rules? If so, could you provide evidence or examples of this process in practice?**

N/A

#### **4. Supplier Selection Process: Please outline the legal justification the Trust uses when selecting certain suppliers while excluding others under the Workforce Alliance RM6281 framework.**

N/A

#### **5. Compliance with Selection Criteria: Could you explain the process by which suppliers are selected under the framework, particularly concerning ensuring compliance with the selection criteria set out in the Workforce Alliance RM6281 framework and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015?**

Internal procurement processes are followed in order to award.

#### **6. Further Competition Process: Could you describe the process your Trust follows for further competition under the Workforce Alliance RM6281 framework? Specifically, do you use direct awards, or do you invite suppliers for further competition for Lot 1? Please provide evidence to support your response.**

N/A

**7. Evidence of Compliance: Kindly provide any documentation or evidence demonstrating how the Trust ensures compliance with the aforementioned regulations and framework rules when awarding contracts under Lot 1 for the provision of temporary nurses and clinical staffing.**

N/A

**8. Legal Queries and Proceedings: Please provide contact details (department and individual, if available) for submitting legal queries or initiating legal proceedings related to procurement processes under this framework**

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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