

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 12 October 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1. Have you used a Direct Engagement firm? Yes**
- 2. If so please list all you have used with dates.** 247Time from April 2015 - present.
- 3. For the purposes of IR35 assessments, do you claim to supervise direct and control (SDC) your temporary workforce (temporary staffing/finance will know) – and have policy relating to this?** The Trust has carried out role assessments and it is the Trust's view is that all clinical roles (including, but not limited to, locum doctors, nurses, Allied Health Professionals) are considered to be within IR35 and are treated as such. For all other temporary roles the Trust undertakes an individual assessment based on the specific tasks the role is undertaking.
- 4. If you have outsourced this IR35 assessment function, did you claim to supervise, direct and control your temporary workforce prior to doing so?** N/A
- 5. What are the job titles of the designated points of contact in your organisation with any direct engagement firms you may use, or have used?** Head of Temporary Staffing.
- 6. Having reviewed the attached communication from one of the direct engagement firms (prior to answering the questions), the public interest articles linked and parliamentary select committee evidence at the end of this FOI - could you please confirm:** The Trust has not received the below email or anything similar from other direct engagement companies.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

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

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