

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

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 19 March 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1) Which locum/staffing agencies have you engaged to be part of your medical (doctors) agency cascade? Please provide the names of the agencies split into the relevant tiers. If you do not use a tier system, please explain how vacancies are cascaded with agencies.**

We advertise our medical (doctors) gaps by emails to all the agencies on our mailing list. We only use Framework agencies. Our mailing list comprises these agencies;

A&E Agency  
Athona  
Capital Care  
CES Locums  
CRG Locums  
Doctors On Call  
DRC Locums  
First Medical  
Fresh Medical  
Holt  
ID Medical  
Interact Medical  
Locum Placement Group  
Medacs  
Medco  
MedicsPro  
Medsol  
Merco  
MSI Recruitment  
National Locums  
NC Healthcare  
NISI Staffing  
Pertemps  
ProMedical

Provide Medical  
RIG Locums  
RM Medics  
RMR Recruitment  
Total Assist  
TXM Healthcare  
Unite Medical

- 2) Please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum hours booked through each of these tiers for the last three years. If this is not available, please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum spend incurred through each of these tiers for the last three years. If only recent years are available, please provide what you have.**

We do not use tiers.

- 3) What is the protocol for releasing medical (doctor) vacancies to each of your tiers?**

We do not use tiers.

- 4) When are the current arrangements relating to your agency cascade in place until?**

We do not use tiers.

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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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