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## Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 050-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about staffing and direct engagement. Please find the Trust's response below.

1. Does your organization use a Direct Engagement scheme? **Yes**
2. If so, who provides it? And when did you start using it? **Tempre , July 2017/18**
3. Did you take external legal advice before entering into it and, if so, from whom did you take external legal advice? **Yes**
4. What has your total locum/temporary staffing spend since you started using the scheme? If you started using the scheme before April 2017 please also state the total locum/temporary staffing spend since April 2017. **£1,974,301**
5. How does the third party direct engagement facilitator save you money on the agency spend? Please answer in short point form. **The Trust does not hold this information.**
6. How much has been paid to the third party direct engagement facilitator thus far? **£1,184,017.78**
7. Was this payment calculated as a percentage of the savings generated by employing the services of the third party direct engagement facilitator? If so, what percentage is this? **No**

Yours sincerely,

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