

Freedom of Information Request - 4184

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request.

1. Does your organization use a Direct Engagement scheme? Yes.
2. If so, who provides it? *Liaison Staff Flow*
And when did you start using it? *September 2013*
3. Did you take external legal advice before entering into it and, if so, from whom did you take external legal advice? *No*
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.

	<i>Total since inception</i>	<i>Apr 17 – May 18</i>
<i>Pay costs</i>	<i>13,640,513.70</i>	<i>4,013,084.40</i>
<i>Commission</i>	<i>1,470,749.05</i>	<i>434,173.25</i>

5. How does the third party direct engagement facilitator save you money on the agency spend? Please answer in short point form
Using this method means costs become mostly pay related and not within scope for VAT. If Trust were to pay to agencies or PSC's it would incur VAT on the whole supply. VAT charged on commission and service charges is recoverable under the Contracted Out Service Provisions.
6. How much has been paid to the third party direct engagement facilitator thus far?

	<i>Total since inception</i>	<i>Apr 17 – May 18</i>
<i>Service Charge</i>	<i>1,047,822.06</i>	<i>301,561.89</i>
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? *The service charge is not calculated in this manner.*