

FOI 23/417

Dear

Thank you for your request of 14 June 2023, under the Freedom of Information Act. We apologise for the long delay in this reply. You requested:

For the use of agencies, please can you confirm if the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency works under, Non-Clinical Temporary and Fixed Term Staff CCS Framework RM6160 and the new CCS Non-Clinical Staffing Framework Agreement RM6277.

Please can you confirm the list of agencies that have supplied to the company under the framework through the dates of January 2022 – December 2022.

For the same 12-month period, please can you provide the list of agencies that have supplied to you staff outside of the framework CCS Framework RM6160 .

Please outline your spending per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of roles or lots department for the above time period.

Lot 1 – administration and secretarial roles

Lot 2 – finance, accounts and audit roles

Lot 3 – IT technicians, analysts and technical engineer specialists

Please can you confirm on what occasions you would look to go outside of the framework for roles as below;

Lot 1 – administration and secretarial roles

Lot 2 – finance, accounts and audit roles

Lot 3 – IT technicians, analysts and technical engineer specialists

Please can you confirm the highest agency hourly charge rate and their speciality staffing, for;

Lot 1 – administration and secretarial roles

Lot 2 – finance, accounts and audit roles

Lot 3 – IT technicians, analysts and technical engineer specialists

What contractual relationships are in place for supplying Temporary and Fixed Term Staff CCS Framework RM6160 and the new CCS Staffing Framework Agreement RM6277.

Lot 1 – administration and secretarial roles

Lot 2 – finance, accounts and audit roles

Lot 3 – IT technicians, analysts and technical engineer specialists

And who is responsible for managing them?

Please can you please provide me with the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for agreeing on staffing contracts for your organisation

Please can you provide details of the names of the decision-makers who ultimately decide which agencies your organisation uses for non-clinical staff for CCS Staffing Framework Agreement RM6277 and the previous Temporary and Fixed Term Staff CCS Framework RM6160.

We confirm that we hold the information you have requested. However, we are exempting your request under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 12 allows public authorities to refuse requests where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 24 working hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The information you have requested is not held in one central location. To extract the information that you have requested, broken down as you have specified, we will require input from our Commercial and Finance teams, our HR team and individual business units which the contingent workers joined, which we judge will exceed the limit above.

If you wish to refine your request, we can confirm that we use both the RM6160 and RM6277 frameworks for contingent labour. We anticipate that we would be able to provide you with the spend by supplier under the RM6160 framework for the period January 2022 to December 2022.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date you receive this response and addressed to: info@mhra.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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