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**Subject:** Medical locum agencies

- Q1 What are your current provisions for procuring Medical Locum Agency Doctors:
- a. Mastervend Arrangement
    - i. If yes, please state which agency
  - b. Managed Service
    - i. If yes, please state the provider
  - c. Neutral vendor arrangement
    - i. If yes, please state the provider
  - d. Preferred Supplier arrangement – local arrangement
  - e. Preferred Supplier arrangement – national framework, ie CCS/HTE/LPP
    - i. If yes, which framework?
  - f. Hybrid Preferred Supplier arrangement
- Q2 Are your agency rates:
- a. Locally agreed
  - b. Fixed by the framework (eg, CCS)
- Q3 Do you find that rates are escalated over the contract rates?
- Q4 Do you deduct breaks from agency doctors?
- Q5 Do you pay reduced rates for non-resident shifts?
- Q6 Do you pay for travel and/or accommodation costs for agency doctors?
- Q7 Do you use 'off framework' agencies, ie, those not covered by your framework?
- a. If so, please state:
    - i. How you ensure compliance
    - ii. How you manage pay and commission rates
- Q8 Please state which framework you use for the provision of Medical Locums
- Q9 What was your total spend (excluding VAT) for 2013/2014?
- Q10 Do you use a Direct Engagement/VAT Mitigation Model, eg, Staff Flow, 24/7 time,

Staffflow?

A1-10 Information not held – the Trust has not used medical locums for a number of years.