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Q1 Could you supply me with a list of the agencies/suppliers you currently use for the use of any HCA's and Nurses and for each one, let me know if they have any of the following agreements with you:
Master Vendor Solution
Neutral Vendor Solution
Tier 1 supplier
Tier 2 supplier
S.L.A. (Service Level Agreements)

A1 Nursing Agencies we currently use:
Pulse
PRN
Talent – Neutral Vendor
Bluestones
Globe
Jigsaw
Minerva

We do not currently have any formal signed agreements with any of these agencies or the neutral vendor.

However, we do have informal agreements and agreed rates for all of them.
We did not enter a formal agreement for the Neutral Vendor Solution as they are not able to satisfactorily fulfil our demand for agency workers.

Q2 What current framework agreement is the trust signed up to?

A2 Information not held – the Trust is not signed up to a framework but we do use the agencies that are on the CCS Framework

Q3 Please could i also request the contact name and email of the person in charge of your procurements for agency usage.

A3 Information exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.

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<http://www.lhch.nhs.uk/About-Us/information-governance/DisclosureLog.aspx>