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Q1 Which locum/staffing agencies have you engaged to be part of your medical (doctors) agency cascade? Please provide the names of the agencies split into the relevant tiers. If you do not use a tier system, please explain how vacancies are cascaded with agencies.

A1 We only use Agencies that are on the HTE Framework. We go to the Tier 1 agencies first, If we ever needed to go to the Tier 2 Agencies on the framework we would do so only after exhausting all Tier 1 options.

Agencies Engaged with in last 3 years (all have been Tier 1)

- Athona
- ID MED
- Locum People
- RIG

Q2 Please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum hours booked through each of these tiers for the last three years. If this is not available, please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum spend incurred through each of these tiers for the last three years. If only recent years are available, please provide what you have.

A2 We have used 10,413.37 hours in the last 3 years. All have been with the above Tier 1 agencies

Q3 What is the protocol for releasing medical (doctor) vacancies to each of your tiers?

A3 We have an internal agency approval process and then go to the Agencies on the Tier 1 HTE Framework. If we ever needed to go to the Tier 2 Agencies on the framework we would do so only after exhausting all Tier 1 options.

Q4 When are the current arrangements relating to your agency cascade in place until?

A4 At present we do not need to change the current process we have.