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**Subject:** Language Services

- Are you on any of the below frameworks for language services (face to face interpreting spoken and non-spoken, telephone and video interpreting and translation) if so which one?:
  - Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO)
  - London Procurement Partnership (LPP)
  - NHS SBS
  - North East Purchasing Organisation (NEPO)
  - NOECPC
  - Health Trust Europe (HTE)
  - Crown Commercial Services (CCS)
- A1 We are on the NHS SBS Framework for telephone interpreting.
- Q2 If you are not on any of the above frameworks please confirm how you are accessing services?
- A2 We access Face to Face interpreting via direct contract with Beacon Languages.
- What is the expiry date/s of your current language services contracts including telephone interpreting, face to face interpreting spoken and non-spoken and translation?
  - A. Who is your current provider for each of these services?

| A3 | Language Service          | Current Provider      | Contract Expiry Date  |
|----|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|    | Telephone Interpreting    | Language Line Limited | Expires 5 March 2021  |
|    | Face to Face Interpreting | Beacon Languages      | Expires 31 March 2021 |
|    | Translation               | Beacon Languages      | Expires 31 March 2021 |

- What was the spend by year for the last 2 financial years (2018 and 2019) in total and broken down by service?:
  - Telephone Interpreting
  - Face to Face Interpreting
  - British Sign Language
  - Translation
- A4 The total spend for interpreting costs for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 are:
  - 2018/2019: £36.5k2019/2020: £55.7k

Please note, we do not break down the cost of interpretation by service.

Q5 Who is the Contract Manager and Senior Responsible Owner for the force in regard to



language services?

A5 Steve Doran, Head of Procurement.