

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2425/337  
**From:** Private Individual  
**Date:** 23 September 2024  
**Subject:** Use of External Consultants in 2024

I'm seeking information on the use of non-clinical management consultants hired by your Trust for advisory or project-based roles, specifically related to workforce management, cost reduction, financial efficiency, or operational improvement. Please exclude any data related to Medical Locums, Clinical Consultants (doctors) or agency staff (unless upholding a post aligned with those mentioned above).

**Q1** During the period between 1st April 2024 and 31st August 2024, how many external consultants were contracted by the Trust and what were their job roles (for example Software Developer, Agency Cost Reduction Program Director, Service Efficiency Lead etc.)? (For clarity, I'm referring to individuals, not Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) numbers).

**A1** Zero

**Q2** Please list the Job Title / Role, pay type (Umbrella / PSC etc.), rate type (day rate, hourly) of any contractors / consultants engaged with the Trust at any time during April, May, June, July, and August 2024. Please use the template below and include a one-line description of the core purpose of the role (responsibilities / objectives), and whether the role pertains to the Trust only, or to a wider ICB project.

**A2** Not applicable, as per A1

**Q3** For each job role, what was the average cost invoiced to the Trust, per day, per contractor, between 1st April 2024 and 31st 2024

**A3** Not applicable, as per A1

**Q4** For each of the job roles, what is the average tenure of those who were engaged at any time during 1st April 2024 and 31st August 2024. If they are still in post, please detail their start date and earliest anticipated end date.

**A4** Not applicable, as per A1