

Title

Management consultancies spend / Frameworks

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

1. In the financial year ended March 31st 2024, what was the total amount spent on management consultancy, including all contracts where the spend exceeded £25,000 in the year.

The Trust cannot identify all management consultancy on its procurement system because it is not identified as a category and the term is broad. The Trust has interrogated the procurement system for the term 'consultancy' and identified £567,510 of spending on consultancy in FY24/25 for contracts exceeding £25,000 each.

2. How much of this spend was spent through frameworks:

- a) Crown Commercial Services Frameworks* £220,000.
- b) NHS Shared Business Service Frameworks* £35,120.
- c) other frameworks* £31,500.

3. Does the authority have any policies which mean that either

- a) All consultancy contracts have to be procured through a framework.* No.
- b) All contracts with an expected value above a certain amount have to be procured via a framework (if so, specify the value)* No.

4. Has the authority undertaken a risk assessment relating to procurement via the NHS Shared Business Service Consultancy Framework? No If so, did the authority consider that:

- a) this framework required over 15 months from advert to contract award* Not applicable.
- b) At least 8 bidders who were initially rejected by NHS SBS complained and were admitted to the framework:* Not applicable.
- c) NHS SBS is a joint venture with a private company, Sopra Steria, and declines to respond to FOI requests, and essentially a private company is determining which suppliers are eligible to receive public money* Not applicable.