

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Thursday 25th April 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

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.

Approx. £143k

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

- a) Crown Commercial Services Frameworks** Approx. £49k
- b) NHS Shared Business Service Frameworks**
- c) other frameworks** - East of England Collaborative Procurement Hub - Approx. £94k

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

- a) All consultancy contracts have to be procured through a framework**
- b) All contracts with an expected value above a certain amount have to be procured via a framework (if so, specify the value)**

Guidance provided by NHS England states that any consultancy contracts over £50,000 (including irrecoverable VAT and other costs) by ICBs, NHS trusts and FTs require prior approval from NHS England.

Any consultancy contracts between £10,000 and £50,000 (including irrecoverable VAT and other costs) are required to follow a compliant route to market using value thresholds set out in the Trust's Procurement manual - 1 such route would be via framework; however, other options are available, and we are not limited to use of procuring via framework.

4. Has the authority undertaken a risk assessment relating to procurement via the NHS Shared Business Service Consultancy Framework?

No risk assessments have been undertaken.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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