

Subject: Request for spend ranked by agency in relation to the Crown Commercial Services Non Clinical Temporary and Fixed Term Staff Framework.

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Information requested:

The information listed below in relation to the Crown Commercial Services Non Clinical Temporary and Fixed Term Staff Framework.

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1. Spend ranked by Agency

NRS Response:

NRS procures temporary staff and interim specialists through Scottish Government interim managers and temporary staff frameworks. Where an interim specialist cannot be procured through an SG framework we will then explore the available Crown Commercial Services collaborative frameworks.

We follow the buyers guidance for purchasing temporary and interim staff through a recruitment agency via the Crown Commercial Services framework, which states procurement is through a ranked option only, inviting them to propose suitable candidates in turn, which are then evaluated against the role requirements. This can be a lengthy process. Whereas procurement through the SG temporary staff frameworks can be either through the ranked option or through a further/mini competition inviting all of the recruitment agencies to submit CVs for evaluation at the same time for suitable candidates who appear to meet the temporary staff role requirement(s).

Since 2018 when NRS started procuring temporary agency staff and interim specialists via the Crown Commercial Services: RM971 Non Medical Non Clinical framework, which has now expired, and its replacement framework RM6160, NRS total contracted spend on those frameworks is £2,496,030 (Ex. VAT).

The agencies we have placed contracts with through these CCS collaborative frameworks, ranked by spend/contract value, are:

Parity	£1,908,237	Total contracted spend during the period 19/09/18 to 24/09/21
Hays	£587,793	Total contracted spend during the period 07/01/19 to 05/07/21

In response to all of the questions some of this information is already available on the NRS and Public Contracts Scotland websites. In line with the obligations under the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 Section 18(2) NRS publishes a Register of Regulated Contracts (those tendered with a value of £50k and over) and an Annual Procurement Report of our procurement activities on regulated procurements. Information on individual regulated procurements completed (including procurements through collaborative framework contracts) are detailed in the Annual Procurement Report. A copy of the reports for the previous two financial years and the Register of Regulated Contracts can be found on the Procurement page on the NRS website <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/about-us/procurement> or on the documents section of NRS buyers page on Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) at https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00474. NRS buyers page on PCS also contains contract award notices for our regulated contracts.

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide with information if it is already reasonably accessible. However, we have answered the request in full on this occasion.