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**Ref No. FOI 0393**

Dear Mr Greenwood,

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your email dated 26 November 2010 requesting information regarding the Medical Locums framework agreement.

I can confirm that Buying Solutions holds this information. Consideration has been given to your request and for convenience this reply follows the order of your message.

**1. A copy of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and Invitation to Tender document set for this procurement.**

The PQQ was conducted in two parts: An initial PQQ in response to the advertisement (attachment titled 'Medical locums – PQQ 1') followed by a more detailed PQQ (attachments titled '2007-09-11 – PQQ2 – Medical Locums Invitation Letter 11 Sept 2007'; '2007-09-11 – PQQ2 – Medical Locums Excel 11 Sept 2007' and '2007-09-11 – PQQ2 – Medical Locums Word 11 Sept 2007').

The ITT (attachments titled 'Document 1 – Invitation to Offer'; 'Document 2 – Terms of Offer', 'Document 3 – Framework Agreement' and 'Document 5 – Offer schedule' and 'Document 6 – Form of Offer').

Document 4 – NHS Terms and Conditions of Contract, and any subsequent variations, are available from:

<http://www.buyingsolutions.gov.uk/services/ResourcingServices/resourcingsolutionshealth/medicallocums/frameworkdocuments/>

**2. A copy of the OJEU notice for this procurement, which according to your website was dated 30/11/1999.**

The advertisement (non-OJEU) attached (attachment titled '2007-07-19 – Advert').

**3. Details of the volume of work placed through this framework in each of the lots for the past 12 months (ideally broken down monthly or quarterly).**

Reported number of hours supplied under the framework agreement since 1 October 2009:

Specialty	Hours supplied			
	Oct-Dec 09	Jan-Mar 10	Apr-Jun 10	Jul-Sep 10

Accident and Emergency	66,281	93,923	94,728	109,887
Anaesthetics	48,313	61,179	53,492	64,223
Dental	0	105	168	85
General Medical	171,841	239,940	217,494	242,061
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	53,354	65,659	66,386	70,433
Paediatrics	32,083	50,168	47,721	59,320
Pathology	6,408	7,431	6,259	4,701
Psychiatry	102,339	239,636	165,642	202,771
Radiology	4,398	11,095	8,838	6,973
Surgical	177,861	227,941	240,570	259,532

It is important to note that the above figures are based on the invoiced sales management information reported by Suppliers to Buying Solutions. Therefore, reasonable - not absolute - assurance that these figures are accurate is provided.

**4. Any information you may hold on plans to re-procure this framework (in particular whether it is planned to re-procure it before it expires next June or whether you are intending to extend it). I appreciate that you may not have anything in this respect, but should be grateful if you could at least ascertain from the appropriate Category Manager/Director whether there are any plans.**

Buying Solutions is currently reviewing whether to re-procure or extend the existing framework agreement. Once the decision has been made, this will be communicated to all relevant stakeholders and also published on the 'Latest news' section of the dedicated framework agreement website. Link enclosed:  
<http://www.buyingsolutions.gov.uk/services/ResourcingServices/resourcingsolutionshealth/medicallocums/latestnews/>

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Officer at [FOI@buyingsolutions.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@buyingsolutions.gsi.gov.uk)

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me, quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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Buying Solutions