

Agency rules: list of approved framework agreements for all staff

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From 1 April 2016, trusts subject to the agency rules are required to secure all agency staff (nurses, doctors, other clinical and non-clinical staff) via framework agreements that have been approved by NHS Improvement.

The following framework agreements are approved based on applications received and reviewed against the conditions set out in the framework operator guidance published on 18 February 2016. We will continue to review applications on an ongoing basis and communicate outcomes to trusts.

These approved framework agreements are a vehicle for enabling trusts to comply with price cap and maximum wage rate policies.

Approved framework agreements

The following framework agreements are approved for use by NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts:

- Crown Commercial Services: RM971 Non-Medical Non-Clinical
- Crown Commercial Services: RM3711 Multidisciplinary Temporary Healthcare Personnel
- HealthTrust Europe: Total Workforce Solutions 2016 (Lots 3a, 3b, 3c and 4)
- NHS Collaborative Procurement Partnership: National framework agreement for the supply of clinical staff.

These framework operators have committed to delivering framework agreements that fully embed the price caps and maximum wage rates in line with agency rules.

We will update this list when these agreements expire, are superseded by new agreements and/or additional agreements are approved.

Next steps

We encourage all trusts to contact the framework operators listed above to discuss using the approved framework agreements.

Agencies can also contact the framework operators to discuss use and accessibility, including opportunities to join new framework agreements.

Framework operators who have not yet applied for approval are encouraged to read the guidance for framework operators published on 18 February 2016 and to apply for approval by using the framework approval application form on our [website](#). We will review applications on an ongoing basis.

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