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 in February 2017. 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 caps and support the agency rules.

Approved framework agreements

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

- Crown Commercial Service: Flexible Resource Pool – Staff Bank: RM6158
- Crown Commercial Service: Non-medical non-clinical: RM6160
- Crown Commercial Service: Multidisciplinary Temporary Healthcare: RM3711
- HealthTrust Europe: Total Workforce Solutions 2016 (Lots 3a, 3b, 3c and 4)
• Total Workforce Solutions: National & International Permanent Recruitment 2015 (Lot 1 and 2)

• Total Workforce Solutions: National & International Permanent Recruitment 2020, Lot 1a and 1b (from 1 April 2020)

• NHS Collaborative Procurement Partnership: National framework agreement for the supply of clinical staff

• NHS Collaborative Procurement Partnership: International Healthcare Professionals Recruitment and Associated Services.

These framework operators have committed to delivering framework agreements that fully embed the price caps against the conditions set out in the framework operator guidance published in February 2017 in line with the 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We will update this list when these agreements expire, are superseded by new agreements and/or additional agreements are approved.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 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 in February 2017 and to apply for approval by using the framework approval application form on our website. We will review applications on an ongoing basis.

Please email any queries to NHSI.agencyrules@nhs.net.