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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to sub-contracting of surgical activity.

#### *Question 1*

- *In the last 12 months, have you sub-contracted any surgical activity to non-NHS providers (e.g. providers such as Ramsay Health Care, Nuffield Health, BMI, Spire, Care UK)?*

#### *Question 2*

- *If yes, which kind of private providers were used to undertake such services? Please select which apply and the name of the sub-contracted companies which were used*

#### *Question 3*

- *Please indicate what was the main cause of the need to sub-contract activity (please allocate an approximate % if multiple reasons)*

#### *Question 4*

- *What were the major surgical specialities that were sub-contracted (e.g. Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology etc.)*  
– *If possible, please provide an estimated % split by speciality of total sub-contracted spend*

#### *Question 5*

- *How much was spent by the Trust on sub-contracted surgical activity over the last 12 months?*

#### *Question 6*

- *Do you currently have an operational Private Patient Unit?*  
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#### *Question 7*

- *If no, what is the reason that you have not opened a Private Patient Unit to date (please allocate an approximate % if multiple reasons)?*

#### **Question 1**

**Yes**

#### **Question 2**

Type of provider	Provider type used? [Y/N]	Name of provider(s)
a. Private secondary hospitals	Y	Spire Nuffield Health BMI KIMS
b. Independent Sector Treatment Centre	Y	Horder Centre
c. Mobile Operating Theatre (such as those provided by Vanguard Healthcare)		
d. Other [Please specify]		

### Question 3

Cause	Approximate %
a. Reduce Trust waiting list	30%
b. Lack of available Theatre Capacity (theatres fully utilised)	0%
c. Lack of available Theatre Capacity (1 or more theatres not operational due to refurbishment etc.)	0%
d. Lack of available beds	65%
e. Lack of Consultants	0%
f. Other [Please specify] – outpatient capacity	5%

### Question 4

	Surgical specialty	Approximate spend %
1	Orthopaedics	72%
2	ENT	4%
3	Gynaecology	16%
4	Ophthalmology	3%
5	Cardiology	6%

### Question 5

Sub-Question	Answer
Amount spent by the Trust on sub-contracted surgical activity over the last 12 months	£5,740,148
– Increase, decrease or similar amount to the previous 12 months	Increase
– Estimation of this increase/ decrease (as a %)	75%

### Question 6

Sub-Question	Answer
· Do you currently have an operational Private Patient Unit?	Yes
– If no, do you plan to open one in the next 12 months?	

#### Question 7

Reason	Approximate %
a. Lack of private patient population in region	Not applicable
b. Not seen as a current priority as far as Trust strategy	Not applicable
c. Lack of Trust capex to invest	Not applicable
d. Lack of time to plan and build	Not applicable
e. Concerned about the public relations impact of opening one	Not applicable
f. Other (please specify)	Not applicable