

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 5268

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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 Insourcing of Clinical Services.

You asked:

Can the trust confirm the following for insourced clinical services, that is, where an external provider team comes in to perform extra procedures within the Trust facilities? This usually occurs during the weekend but can happen at other time. In short, can the trust provide:

- 1. The total number of procedures completed by each supplier (named) in the following categories:
- a. Endoscopy
- b. Ophthalmology
- c. ENT
- d. Neurology
- e. Dermatology
- f. All Other
- 2. The total spend completed by each supplier (named) in the following categories:
- a. Endoscopy
- b. Ophthalmology
- c. ENT
- d. Neurology
- e. Dermatology
- f. All Other

Can this be provided for the following financial years?

- 2018/19 to date
- 2017/18
- 2016/17
- 2015/16

- 2014/15
- 2013/14
- 2012/13
- 2011/12
- 2010/11
- 2009/10

Trust response:

1.

a. Endoscopy – Elective Service only since 2019

Date	Units	Number of patients in total	Cancelled/DNA Units
6 th January	41	23	2
13 th January	46	32	5
20 th January	37	33	4
27 th January	43	35	3
3 rd February	49	37	8

- b. Ophthalmology None
- c. ENT None
- d. Neurology None
- e. Dermatology We do not provide this service
- f. All Other None that we are aware of

2.

a. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/

- b. Not applicable
- c. Not applicable
- d. Not applicable
- e. Not applicable
- f. Not applicable