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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 Private Providers.

You asked:

- 1. How many elective procedures (or admissions) that were due to be carried out by your NHS trust were instead carried out by a private provider in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date?*
- 2. For the financial years stated above, what percentage of all elective procedures at your trust had to instead be carried out by a private provider?*
- 3. For the financial years stated above, what were the most common reasons given for a procedure to be carried out by a private provider – even though it was initially scheduled to be carried out by the trust?*
- 4. If it comes within the cost limits, for Q1, which procedures were carried out by private providers?*

Trust response:

1. We are unable to tell if the patient has decided to go privately or has had to go there because we do not have the capacity to treat them.
We are able provide the total number of patients (2016-2019) who were treated privately but this figure will include those that chose to be treated privately. Please let us know if you would like us to provide this figure.
2. The private treatments are an extremely small % of the total treatments we do (0.05% approximately).
3. We do not have this information.
4. We do not have this information.