

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6017 follow up

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for further information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Clinical Insourcing.

You asked:

- 1. Total spend on the use of clinical insourcing (not agency/locum or outsourcing) in the current 2019/20 financial year to date. Please state number of periods (i.e. 9 months).
- 2. Total spend on the use of clinical insourcing (not agency/locum or outsourcing) in the 2018/19 financial year.
- 3. Total spend on the use of clinical insourcing (not agency/locum or outsourcing) in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 4. Total spend on the use of clinical insourcing (not agency/locum or outsourcing) in the 2016/17 financial year.
- 5. Total spend on the use of clinical insourcing (not agency/locum or outsourcing) in the 2015/16 financial year.

Trust response:

1. 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-qualitystory/finance/

2. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link/s: http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Insourcing-of-Clinical-Services.-010719.pdf

The above link is to a previous response on the same subject. This response shows that the Trust use clinical insourcing for Endoscopy which started in 2019.

The Trust applied Section 43(2) FOIA exemption to the spend details for the year 2018-2019, all other years on this request were not applicable as the service was not in operation.

- 3. Not applicable as the service was not in operation.
- 4. Not applicable as the service was not in operation.
- 5. Not applicable as the service was not in operation.