

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 aware that a previous FOI request has already shown the level of service provided by the company concerned. If the Trust then provides details of the spend for this service this then becomes commercially sensitive information.

In line with other FOI requests of a similar nature the Trust is willing to supply the name of the company and the level of service provided.

Elective Service provide the insourcing Endoscopy service to the Trust. 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 to release any further information 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/

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.