

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6099

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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 Company spend.

You asked:

Under the FOI request please provide total spend for the 2018/19 and the 2019/20 financial years (to date and periods stated) for the following organisations:

- *18 Week Support (including LLP variants)*
- *The Endoscopy Group*
- *Gutcare*
- *Endocare Diagnostics*
- *Medicare Insourcing*
- *Skin Cancer Care UK*
- *Eden Uk Clinical Services*
- *Glanso*
- *Alliance Medical*
- *Synaptik*
- *Elective Services Limited*
- *Ics Insourcing / Diagnostics*
- *Totally Healthcare*
- *Your Medical Services*
- *Remedy Healthcare Solutions*
- *Medinet Clinical Services Limited((including Medinet Wales)*
- *SHS Partners*
- *DMC Healthcare*
- *The Aberdeen Clinic*
- *Diagnostic World*
- *Omnes Healthcare*
- *Healthcare Business Solutions*

Trust response:

The Trust references your previous requests on the same subject, ID 5268, ID 5400 and ID 6017 in which you have received details of the name of the company used and the level of service provided.

Full details of the information released in the above numbered FOI requests is as follows:

ID 5268:

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
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6th January	41	23	2	
13th January	46	32	5	
20th January		37	33	4
27th January		43	35	3
3rd 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.

ID 5400:

I am looking to gather spend from your organisation on a number of organisations for the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19. The organisations are:

- *18 Week Support, Alliance Surgical Limited, Core Medical Solutions, Deaf Hill Farm Services, Diagnostic World, DMC Healthcare, East Point Vision, Eden Clinical Services, Eden UK Clinical, Elective Services Ltd., Endocare Diagnostics, Fountain Diagnostics (Living Care), Gastro Solutions Limited, Gastro Teams Seven Ltd, Glanso, GP Provision - Stamford, GP Streaming, Gutcare, Healthcare Business Solutions UK, Healthcare Staffing Solutions, ID Clinical Services, Independent Health Group, InHealth, Iodem Ltd, Kernow Surgical Partnership, London Dermatologist Ltd, Medinet (incl. Medinet Wales), New Medica, Newmedica, North West Surgical Solutions (NWSS), Northern Medical Ultrasound, Norwich Eye Consultants LLP, P&H Care, Physiological Measurements Ltd., Pioneer, Radiology Management Solutions, Remedy Healthcare Solutions, RIG Locums, RMS Van, SG Radiology & Associates, Shogun, SHS Partners, Skin Cancer Care UK, SWES, Synaptik, TAC Healthcare, The Aberdeen Clinic, The Endoscopy Group, YourWorld*

Trust response:

The following suppliers match those on the above list. Please note that further clarification is needed regarding Your World as there is more than one company using this name.

Suppliers used

ELECTIVE SERVICES LTD

INHEALTH LIMITED

RIG LOCUMS LTD

Grand Total for 2014-2019 - £344,626.91

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ID 6017:

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.

ID 6099

The Trust is therefore applying Section 43(2) FOIA as our response to the current FOI request ID 6099, 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 because other contracting authorities and competitors would be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of its delivery model and methodology.

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/

Please note that the Trust considers these requests to be vexatious and is also applying Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 14(1) of the Act. Under

Section 14(1) public authorities do not have to comply with vexatious requests. There is no public interest test.

Vexatious or repeated requests.

(1)Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.

(2)Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.