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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 providers.

*You asked:*

- 1. How much has been spent on which insourcing provider in the last 3 years. In the most recent FY in the 12 months ending March 2021 split by month.*
- 2. Which specialty this has been spent on and which framework this has been via (named) or if this has been as a NHS subcontract / otherwise.*

Trust response:

1. The Trust is aware that a previous FOI response 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.

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/](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/)

2. Elective Service provide the insourcing Endoscopy service to the Trust through the SBS framework.