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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 insourcing providers.

You asked:

- 1. Does the trust currently use private insourcing providers?*
- 2. Which providers are currently used, and for what type of work are they employed (e.g. general surgery, ophthalmology, etc)?*
- 3. Does the trust also outsource waiting list work to private hospitals, etc?*
- 4. What % of patients are insourced vs outsourced?*
- 5. Please provide a list of insourcing contracts that have been awarded to insourcing providers within the last 5 financial years, to include the following information;*
 - a. Contract award date*
 - b. Contract end date*
 - c. Name of company the contract was awarded to*
 - d. Value of contract*
 - e. Nature of contract (which specialism does the contract relate to, what does the contract cover)*
 - f. Contact name title and contact details for the person in charge of each contract awarded*

Trust response:

1. Yes
2. Elective services to support our Endoscopy on an ad hoc basis.
3. We currently do not outsource work to the independent sector.
4. The Trust can supply data going back to 2019-20 and this financial year is for April – July 2021, due to the time lag in receiving the data.

Inpatient Activity	2019-20	2020-21	Apr-Jul 2021
Internal Activity	51,901	28,970	16,525

Prime Provider Activity	2,036	2,970	557
Total Activity	53,937	31,940	17,082
%age	3.8%	9.3%	3.3%

Outpatient Activity	2019-20	2020-21	Apr-Jul 2021
Internal Activity	552,751	476,217	194,578
Prime Provider Activity	10,722	12,161	3,824
Total Activity	563,473	488,378	198,402
%age	1.9%	2.5%	1.9%

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- a. Elective services to support our Endoscopy from 01/2019 to 05/2021 on an ad hoc basis
- b. 05/2021
- c. Elective Service
- d. 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/

- e. Endoscopy
- f. This falls under the remit of the Chief Finance Officer. Further details can be found on our website.