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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 Clinical Insource and Outsource Spend – 2021-22.

You asked:

1. I would like to know the full amount spent by MAIDSTONE AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS NHS TRUST on the Insourcing of Clinical Services and the full amount spent on the Outsourcing of Clinical Services in the 2021/22 Financial Year.

2. If possible, please can you also provide me with the amount the Trust spent on Insourcing and the amount spent on Outsourcing across the following clinical services in the 2021/2022 Financial Year:

- a. Cardiology Service*
- b. Cardiothoracic Surgery Service*
- c. Dermatology Service*
- d. Ear Nose and Throat Service*
- e. Elderly Medicine Service*
- f. Gastroenterology Service*
- g. General Internal Medicine Service*
- h. General Surgery Service*
- i. Gynaecology Service*
- j. Neurology Service*
- k. Neurosurgical Service*
- l. Ophthalmology Service*
- m. Oral Surgery Service*
- n. Plastic Surgery Service*
- o. Respiratory Medicine Service*
- p. Rheumatology Service*
- q. Trauma and Orthopaedic Service*

r. Urology Service

Trust response:

1. Insourcing: In line with previous FOI requests of a similar nature where details of the companies used by the Trust for insourcing services has already been released and in order to maintain the commercial interests of the company/s concerned, 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.

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Supplier Transactions

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Outsourcing: In line with previous FOI requests of a similar nature where details of the companies used by the Trust for outsourcing services has already been released and in order to maintain the commercial interests of the company/s concerned, 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.

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2.

Insourcing:

a. & b. Cardiology – Please see the response to Q1.

c. Not applicable

d. Not applicable

e. Not applicable

f. Not applicable

g. Not applicable

h. Not applicable

i. Not applicable

j. Not applicable

k. Not applicable

l. Not applicable

m. Not applicable

n. Not applicable

o. Not applicable

p. Not applicable

q. Not applicable

r. Not applicable

Outsourcing:

a. Not applicable

b. Not applicable

c. Not applicable

d. Not applicable

e. Not applicable

f. Not applicable

g. Not applicable

h. Not applicable

i. Not applicable

j. Not applicable

k. Not applicable

l. Ophthalmology Service – Please see the response to Q1.

m. Not applicable

n. Not applicable

o. Not applicable

p. Not applicable

q. Not applicable

r. Not applicable