



FOI REF: 23/404

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

I am writing to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding the volumes and spending on outsourced and insourced procedures within your trust for the specified time periods and the specified specialties.

I would like to get the number of dermatology, endoscopy and gynaecological procedures (volume) and spend (£ value) for 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 by provider specifying if:

Please see the attached document and note that we are applying Section 43(2) to the spend.

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that by providing the spend could cause harm to the Trust as this could distort the market-place and therefore, result in the Trust not obtaining best value for money.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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Legend

Information requested

Example - to be filled by the FOI provider - trusts, ICBs, health boards, etc.

Definitions

Outsourced - indicates an external (third party) provider that has been contracted by your trust, health board or ICB to deliver procedure in their own facility with their own staff

Insourced - indicates that external provider that has been contracted to deliver procedures, using your facilities (eg. operating theatre) but their staff

Please provide the FOI data in the table below

Name of provider	Specialty	Type of arrangement	Data	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Specialties
ID Medical	Endoscopy	Insourced	Value in £	NA	NA	NA	NA	Section 43(2) applied, please see letter		Endoscopy Dermatology Gynaecology
ID Medical	Endoscopy	Insourced	Volume in # of procedures	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,573	2,571	
Not applicable	Dermatology	Outsourced	Value in £	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Not applicable	Dermatology	Outsourced	Volume in # of procedures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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Not applicable	Gynaecology	Insourced	Volume in # of appointments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Not applicable	Gynaecology	Insourced	Volume in # of appointments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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