

FOI REF: 23/458

24th July 2023

Via email to: benndavis6@gmail.com

Dear Mr Davis

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:

1. Has the trust used Insourcing in 2022 or 2023

Yes.

2. Has the Trust used insourcing in

a. Endoscopy/Gastroenterology

Endoscopy.

i. Including Bowel Cancer Screening?

No.

b. General Surgery

No.

c. Ophthalmology

No.

3. Can you provide a break of the total spend on insourcing for each of the below area's

a. Endoscopy/Gastroenterology

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.

The Trust has recently received a number of FOI requests concerning insourcing volumes; our responses to these requests are publicly available on the Trust's website. We have therefore concluded that sharing the total spend for Endoscopy in response to this FOI could cause harm to the Trust as we would essentially be publishing the cost per procedure. Making this commercial information public could distort the market-place and result in the Trust not obtaining best value for money in the future.

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

i. Including Bowel Cancer Screening

Not applicable.

b. General Surgery

Not applicable.

c. Ophthalmology

Not applicable.

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
Cheshire SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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