

FOI REF: 24/237

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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 seeking information regarding the surgical insourcing activities within your NHS Trust, specifically related to the following points:

- 1) Overview of Surgical Insourcing Activities: Could you please provide an overview of any surgical insourcing activities currently being undertaken by your NHS Trust? This should include, but not be limited to, the types of surgeries and procedures that are being insourced.**

Not applicable.

- 2) Specialties Involved: For which medical specialties do you currently undertake insourcing of surgical activities? Please include details on any specialties that are planned to have insourced activities in the near future.**

None

- 3) Volume and Capacity: Could you provide information on the volume of surgical procedures that have been insourced over the past 12 months? If possible, please break down this data by specialty and provide monthly or quarterly figures.**

Previously Vascular Veins Procedures – RFA and Foam.

80 Patients during February and March 2024.

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- 4) **Objectives and Outcomes: What are the primary objectives behind the decision to insource certain surgical procedures? Furthermore, could you provide any outcomes or performance data that has been collected to assess the success of these insourcing initiatives?**

The insourcing was undertaken to reduce the number of 65-week wait patients before the end of the 2023/24 financial year end.

Prior to the insourcing being arranged there were 109 potential 65 week wait breaches in the Vascular Service by the end of March 2024.

At the end of March 2024 there were eleven actual 65 week wait breaches in the Vascular Service.

- 5) **Contracts and Agreements: Are there any specific contracts or agreements in place with external entities to facilitate surgical insourcing? If so, could you please provide details on these arrangements, including the nature of the agreements and the parties involved?**

Framework agreement with ID Medical Group.

- 6) **Future Plans: Does the NHS Trust have any plans to expand or alter its surgical insourcing activities in the foreseeable future? If so, please provide details on what changes are anticipated and the specialties they would affect.**

No

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

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Yours sincerely

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