

FOI REF: 24/913

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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 requesting information regarding the volumes and spending on outsourced and insourced procedures within your trust.**

**I would like to receive data on the number of procedures (volume) and spend (£ value) for the financial years:**

- **2019–20**
- **2020–21**
- **2021–22**
- **2022–23**

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by searching either 'insource', 'insourcing', 'outsource', 'outsourcing' via the following link:

[Freedom of Information \(FOI\) Disclosure Log – East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust](#)

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

- **2023–24**

Please see the attached document for insourcing/outsourcing spend for 2023/24 and note the following:

### Section 17 Notice of Refusal

Whilst the Trust may hold the information requested in respect of volumes, 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.

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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 sharing commercials along with volumes could disadvantage the incumbent supplier against their competitors. The information could provide competitors with the suppliers pricing, which could result in these suppliers obtaining a competitive advantage which could 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](mailto: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  
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Cheshire SK9 5AF

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, rooms, etc.) but their staff

Please provide the FOI data in the table below

**By value (£)**

Name of provider	Number of specialties (Single or Multiple)	Specialty (if single specialty)	Type of arrangement (Insourced vs Outsourced)	Units	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
ID MEDICAL GROUP LIMITED	Multiple	N/A	Insourced	Value in £	Section 21 applied, please see letter.				1,451,661
MEDICAL IMAGING PARTNERSHIP LTD	Single	Radiology	Insourced	Value in £					2,072,479
MINERVA NURSING	Single	Community Health Integrated Care	Insourced	Value in £					1,571,102
OUTPATIENT NETWORK LIMITED	Multiple	N/A	Insourced	Value in £					21,702
ELECTIVE SERVICES LTD	Single	Cardiology	Insourced	Value in £					190,495
ICS OPERATIONS LTD TA XYLA ELECTIVE CARE	Single	Respiratory	Insourced	Value in £					429,319
SOUTH DOWNS HEALTH AND CARE LTD	Single	Virtual Ward	Insourced	Value in £					289,920
THE HORDER CENTRE	Multiple	N/A	Outsourced	Value in £					368,336
THE CHASELEY TRUST	Single	Physiotherapy	Outsourced	Value in £					47,240
MEDICA REPORTING LTD	Single	Radiology	Outsourced	Value in £					1,869,621
COODEN MEDICAL CLINIC	Single	Vascular	Outsourced	Value in £					63,235
SUSSEX COMMUNITY DERMATOLOGY SERVICE	Single	Dermatology	Outsourced	Value in £					1,287,763
PSICON LIMITED	Single	Paediatrics	Outsourced	Value in £					1,062,000
ACTION FOR DEAFNESS	Single	Audiology	Outsourced	Value in £					85,600

**List of specialties**

Anesthesia  
Cardiology  
Cardiothoracic surgery  
Dentistry  
Dermatology  
Endoscopy  
ENT  
Gastroenterology  
General surgery  
Gynaecology  
Nephrology  
Neurology  
Neurosurgery  
Obstetrics  
Oncology  
Ophthalmology  
Orthopedics  
Plastic surgery  
Radiology  
Urology  
Vascular surgery  
Other (Please specify)

**By volume (# of procedures)**

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ID MEDICAL GROUP LIMITED	Multiple	N/A	Insourced	Volume in # of procedures	Section 21 applied, please see letter.				Section 43(2), please see letter.
MEDICAL IMAGING PARTNERSHIP LTD	Single	Radiology	Insourced	Volume in # of procedures					
MINERVA NURSING	Single	Community Health Integrated Care	Insourced	Volume in # of procedures					
OUTPATIENT NETWORK LIMITED	Multiple	N/A	Insourced	Volume in # of procedures					
ELECTIVE SERVICES LTD	Single	Cardiology	Insourced	Volume in # of procedures					
ICS OPERATIONS LTD TA XYLA ELECTIVE CARE	Single	Respiratory	Insourced	Volume in # of procedures					
SOUTH DOWNS HEALTH AND CARE LTD	Single	Virtual Ward	Insourced	Volume in # of procedures					
THE HORDER CENTRE	Multiple	N/A	Outsourced	Volume in # of procedures					
THE CHASELEY TRUST	Single	Physiotherapy	Outsourced	Volume in # of procedures					
MEDICA REPORTING LTD	Single	Radiology	Outsourced	Volume in # of procedures					
COODEN MEDICAL CLINIC	Single	Vascular	Outsourced	Volume in # of procedures					
SUSSEX COMMUNITY DERMATOLOGY SERVICE	Single	Dermatology	Outsourced	Volume in # of procedures					
PSICON LIMITED	Single	Paediatrics	Outsourced	Volume in # of procedures					
ACTION FOR DEAFNESS	Single	Audiology	Outsourced	Volume in # of procedures					