

FOI REF: 25/400

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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:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information regarding your use of insourcing for haematology, histopathology, and/or microbiology services between 1 April 2024 and the date of this request (i.e., the last 12 months):**

### Service Usage:

1. Does your trust currently use (or has it used in the last 12 months) insourcing providers for any of the following services?

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|----|----------------|-------|
| a) | Haematology    | None. |
| b) | Histopathology | None. |
| c) | Microbiology   | None. |
| d) | Oncology       | None. |

(If yes, please specify which specialties)

[Not applicable.](#)

### Provider Details:

2. For each insourced specialty above, provide:

- a) The name(s) of the external provider(s).
- b) The start and end date(s) of the contract(s).

[Not applicable.](#)

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**Scope & Volume:**

3. **A brief description of the services covered (e.g., "blood film reporting," "biopsy analysis," "infection screening").**

Not applicable.

4. **Estimated annual spend (or total spend) on these insourcing arrangements for 2023/24.**

Not applicable.

**Procurement Method:**

5. **Was the contract awarded via a framework (e.g., NHS SBS DPS, Crown Commercial Service)? If yes, state which one.**

Not applicable.

**If no insourcing is used for these specialties, please state "None."**

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  
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Yours sincerely

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