

FOI REF: 25/506

7th August 2025

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:

Please can I request the below information on the utilisation of Insourcing for the following period 01/04/2025 – 30/06/2025:

1) Total spend during the period for Insourcing for the below specialties:

- a) Neurology
- b) Neurophysiology
- c) Dermatology
- d) Gastroenterology
- e) Endoscopy
- f) Cardiology
- g) Respiratory
- h) Orthodontics / Dental
- i) OMFS No one has responded for this
- j) ENT
- k) Rheumatology
- l) Gynaecology
- m) Ophthalmology
- n) Surgery- including all subspecialties

Please see the attached document - '25-506 Insourcing', for the total insourcing spend for the above specialties.

Please note that out of the above specialties, we are only utilising insourcing for Neurology and Gynaecology.

2) Please break the spend down by insourcing company:

Please refer to question 1 above.

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- 3) **Please confirm if there was a budget for insourcing for the specialties outlined during the same period.**

The total budget for Contracted-out Healthcare and Scanning Services, for April 2025 to May 2025 is £3,342,063.

This is a total for both Insourcing and Outsourcing; we do not hold this information split by insourcing / outsourcing or by specialty.

- 4) **What was the service type relating to the specialties outlined? For example, outpatient, diagnostic or theatres.**

Please see the attached document - '25-506 Insourcing'.

- 5) **Was it a fully managed service or Team provision?**

Please see the attached document - '25-506 Insourcing'.

- 6) **Please can you confirm the Frameworks utilised for each specialty.**

Please see the attached document - '25-506 Insourcing'.

- 7) **Please confirm any direct awards or mini competitions which are being utilised for each specialty.**

Please see the attached document - '25-506 Insourcing'.

- 8) **Total procedures completed by insourcing companies for the specialties outlined during the same period.**

Section 17 Notice of Refusal

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 sharing the spend broken down as requested, along with the number procedures, 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.

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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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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
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Speciality	Provider	Service Type	Fully Managed Service / Team Provision	Procurement framework used for award	Direct Award	Spend 1/04/25-30/06/25
Neurology	HEALTHCARE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS UK LTD	Outpatients Appointments	Team Provision	NHS England provision of Clinical Services via the Digital Mutual Aid System	Direct Award	£28,368
Gynaecology	OUTPATIENT NETWORK	Outpatients Appointments and Diagnostic Outpatient Appointments	Team Provision	NHS SBS10203	Direct Award	£67,434