

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-259

21 March 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

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.

We have recently insourced surgical activity for Ophthalmology (cataract), Thoracic surgery, ENT, and Gynaecology.

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.

We have recently insourced medical activity for Dermatology, Respiratory Medicine, Clinical Genetics, Cardiology and Sleep.

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.

This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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?

Achievement of elective recovery milestones for 78 week wait and 65 week wait elimination.

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?

Contracts are in place with insourcing providers. The services of these providers have been sourced via the Bristol and Weston Purchasing Consortium.

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, our insourcing requirements are currently being satisfied.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

