

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-315

24 April 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

Question 1 (tab 1): total expenditure on outsourcing for pre and post covid

In tab 1 on the attached Excel spreadsheet please provide in Row 2 (a) the total funding spent, and (b) the total volume (number of procedures) this expenditure paid for in terms of all clinical outsourcing by the trust per year for the three financial years below:

- For 2019-20 (a pre-covid baseline)
- 2022-23
- 2023-24 (year to date if necessary).

Question 2 (Tab 1): total expenditure on insourcing for pre and post covid

Still in tab 1 on the Excel spreadsheet, please provide in Row 3 (a) the total funding spent, and (b) the total volume (number of procedures) of this expenditure paid for in terms of all clinical insourcing by the trust per year for the three financial years below:

- For 2019-20 (a pre-covid baseline)
- 2022-23
- 2023-24 (year to date if necessary).

Tab 2: A breakdown of insourcing by providers

In tab 2 in the Excel sheet please provide for all years the names of the insourcing providers used (e.g. Medinet, 18 Week Support, Remedy, HBS UK, etc. all LLPs) in column A alongside the total expenditure (£) paid to them and volume (numbers of procedures) they carried out in the three financial years requested in the spreadsheet (the same three years as for questions 1 and 2).

Tab 3: A breakdown of outsourcing by providers

In tab 3 in the Excel sheet, please provide for all years the names of all the outsourcing providers used in Column A with the total expenditure (£) paid to them and the volume

(numbers of procedures) they carried out in the three financial years requested in the spreadsheet (the same three years as for questions 1 and 2).

Please see our response in the attached document.

Please note that we are unable to provide the volume of procedures. 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.

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
Bristol
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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

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