

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-852

2 December 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

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to understand which Healthcare Resource Group (HRG) / NHS Payment Scheme tariff codes have been associated with elective care insourcing services, broken down by specialty and delivery type, within University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust.

Request Details:

- 1. Codes used by insourcing provider: Please provide a list of each individual tariff (HRG) code, HRG reference name, and total count of references for each code for activity completed by third party insourcing providers. We do not need to know the provider nor the spend. Just the total number of references per code (e.g., FZ51Z, Diagnostic Colonoscopy. Count: 76).**
- 2. Breakdown by Specialty: Please associate and provide the medical specialty (e.g., Gastroenterology, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, etc.).**
- 3. Breakdown by clinical setting: Please specify whether this was for outpatients, day case procedures or diagnostic tests.**
- 4. This information is requested for the financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, and financial year (2024-2025) to date.**

Clarification of Terms:

For the purposes of this request, "HRG tariff" renamed "NHS Payment Scheme" refers to the standardised categories and pricing used for specific specialties and delivery types within the NHS.

For the purpose of this request, "elective insourcing services" refers to services provided by an external organisation within your facilities, typically aimed at reducing waiting lists and improving patient access to elective care.

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.

Please note that we can provide the overall spend, but not the volume of procedures.

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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