

Freedom of Information Act 2000**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request****Date Request Received: 15/03/2024****FOI Ref No: 23999****Requested Information:**

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.

Within RCHT via our insourced Surgical contract we are presently utilising it for Orthopaedic and General Surgery insourced anaesthetic, theatre staff and Surgeon, to provide additional weekend operating sessions. Both day-case and inpatient procedures are undertaken.

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.

Within RCHT we have insourced providers providing Neurology, Respiratory, Cardiology, CFS and Occupation Therapy. Any further insourced activities will be focused on delivery of 24/25 NHS planning guidance and where care groups need capacity increasing to meet the guidance or meet the national and local access standards.

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.

Generally, RCHT is running between 2 all day Theatre lists Sat and Sun each weekend (Orthopaedics and General Surgery), over the last financial year this was between 2-4 all day Theatre lists Sat and Sun and included (Orthopaedics, Urology, Gynea and General Surgery). To provide a summary of all activity would take circa 3 days to work up and we would need to access patient records.

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?

The partnership with the insourcing provider has been established to drive down waits for both benign and cancer surgery in line with NHS operational priorities.

Clinical outcomes and performance are monitored via regular contract meetings and within NHS governance and performance frameworks.

- 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?

Yes, a contract is in place. Details are commercial in confidence.

- 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.

The intention is to continue with the current model of insourced anaesthetic, with some surgeons and theatre staff supporting Trust surgical teams in the line with the contracts until the end of Qtr 1 June, with the intention to extend if financially viable and if it is inline with NHS planning guidance to the End of Qtr 2. The Trust is planning to do an imminent capability assessment with the aim to go to the market to get a preferred supplier of Surgical insourcing using the as is model of delivery from the start of Oct 24.

Attachment(s):

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