

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 8th July 2025

FOI Ref No 29490

Requested Information:

Please provide 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:
 - Neurology
 - Neurophysiology
 - Dermatology
 - Gastroenterology
 - Endoscopy
 - Cardiology
 - Respiratory
 - Orthodontics / Dental
 - OMFS
 - ENT
 - Rheumatology
 - Gynaecology
 - Ophthalmology
 - Surgery- including all subspecialties
2. Please break the spend down by insourcing company
3. Please confirm if there was a budget for insourcing for the specialties outlined during the same period
4. What was the service type relating to the specialties outlined, for example, outpatient, diagnostic or theatres.
5. Was it a fully managed service or Team provision
6. Please can you confirm the Frameworks utilised for each specialty
7. Please confirm any direct awards or mini competitions which are being utilised for each specialty
8. Total procedures completed by insourcing companies for the specialties outlined during the same period

Response:

1. Total spend during the period for Insourcing for the below specialties:
 - Neurology - **£160,144**
 - Neurophysiology - **£279,337**
 - Dermatology - **£12,288**
 - Gastroenterology - **£0**
 - Endoscopy - **£262,080**
 - Cardiology - **£183,871**
 - Respiratory - **£88,293**
 - Orthodontics / Dental - **£0**
 - OMFS - **£0**
 - ENT - **£0**
 - Rheumatology - **£0**
 - Gynaecology - **£0**
 - Ophthalmology - **£0**
 - Surgery- including all subspecialties - **£232,797**

2. Please break the spend down by insourcing company
 - The Medical and Diagnostic Group - **£262,080**
 - Medinet Clinical Services - **£203,768**
 - Your World Medical Recruitment Ltd t/a Your Medical Services - **£655,645**
 - Kernow Surgical LLP - **£97,316**

3. Please confirm if there was a budget for insourcing for the specialties outlined during the same period
 - **There is no recurrent funding for insourcing specifically, any spend is funded ad hoc via staff vacancies or by central reserves.**

4. What was the service type relating to the specialties outlined, for example, outpatient, diagnostic or theatres.
 - Neurology - **outpatient**
 - Neurophysiology - **outpatient, diagnostic**
 - Dermatology - **outpatient**
 - Cardiology - **outpatient**
 - Surgery- including all subspecialties - **theatres.**

5. Was it a fully managed service or Team provision
 - **This was insourced activity**

6. Please can you confirm the Frameworks utilised for each specialty
 - **Direct Award C under PSR**

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

8. Total procedures completed by insourcing companies for the specialties outlined during the same period
 - **This information cannot be provided as when taken in conjunction with the response to question 3, it is commercially sensitive. Please see appendix one.**

Attachment(s):

Appendix one –

Section 43 (2) - Commercial Sensitivity (qualified)

Regarding your request for the Total procedures completed by insourcing companies for the specialties outlined, the Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust have considered this part of your request and after careful consideration, have concluded that the information requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

43 (2) Information is exempt from disclosure under this Act as it would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Exemption 43 (2) is a qualified exemption, and the Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust have fully considered the balance of public interest and are satisfied that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it. The Trust considers that there is a real likelihood of harm arising to both its own commercial interests. This is because disclosing this information along with the details provided in response to question3 risks the Trust divulging its contract prices with suppliers.

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