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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INSOURCING PROVIDERS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to insourcing providers.

Question:

1. Do you currently use Insourcing providers to support delivery of clinical services and reduce patient waiting lists?
(Yes/No)

Answer:

Yes

Question:

2. If yes, please provide the names of all Insourcing providers used by your Trust over the last 12 months.

Answer:

We have not used any insource providers in the past 12 months. Two contracts have just been awarded, but not yet commenced.

Question:

3. For each provider listed above, please confirm:
 1. The specialties in which they have delivered services
 2. The total spend with each provider (for the most recent 12-month period available)

Answer:

Not applicable.

Question:

4. What specialties within your Trust currently use Insourcing providers?

Answer:

Nil active at present, please see response to question 7.

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5. What procurement route(s) did you use to award Insourcing contracts? (e.g. NHS SBS, HealthTrust Europe, local procurement, etc.)

Answer:

NHS Procurement Framework

Question:

6. Are these contracts part of a framework or spot-purchased? (Please specify for each provider if possible.)

Answer:

Framework

Question:

7. What is the duration of the current Insourcing contracts? (Start and end dates, and whether there are extension options.)

Answer:

- Medinet – Ophthalmology – July 25 – March 26.
- Synaptik – Endoscopy – July 25 – March 26

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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