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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INSOURCING

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

Question:

1. Spend on Insourcing from May 2026-end of July 2026, broken down by each specialty and subspecialty, and the insourcing company that was used, e.g. cardiology £1000- echo cardiogram £1000- company x £1000
2. The budget for each specialty for insourcing
3. Confirm the contract start and end date for each specialty
4. What frameworks were used for each specialty and was there direct awards and if so, who was they awarded to and what specialty
5. What was the service, e.g. theatres, outpatient, or diagnostic

Answer:

1. Insourcing Spend (May 2026 – July 2026)

Specialty	Provider	Spend
Dermatology	Xyla	£329,527.81
ENT	Synaptik	£97,225.00
Endoscopy	Synaptik	£340,565.00
Ophthalmology	Medinet	£98,332.00

2. Budget Allocation for Insourcing

Specialty	Provider	Budget Allocation
Dermatology	Xyla	£3,334,470
ENT	Synaptik	£3,940,000
Endoscopy	Synaptik	£1,801,374
Ophthalmology	Medinet	£2,560,000

3. Contract Start and End Dates

Specialty	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date
Dermatology	11/10/2025	Ongoing
Ophthalmology	26/07/2025	Ongoing
ENT	13/12/2025	Ongoing
Endoscopy	07/08/2025	Ongoing

4. Procurement Framework / Tender Process

All specialties listed above were procured through a formal tender process using NHS Scotland National Procurement Framework who own and let this contract.
No direct awards were made.

5. Service Provided

Specialty	Service Type
Dermatology	Outpatients and Theatres
ENT	Outpatients and Theatres
Ophthalmology	Outpatients and Theatres
Endoscopy	Diagnostics only

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

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Yours sincerely

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