

Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information regarding your use of insourcing for haematology, histopathology, and/or microbiology services between 1 April 2024 and the date of this request (i.e., the last 12 months):

Service Usage:

Does your trust currently use (or has it used in the last 12 months) insourcing providers for any of the following services? **NO**

1) Haematology

A brief description of the services covered (e.g., "blood film reporting," "biopsy analysis," "infection screening")

- a) The name(s) of the external provider(s)
- b) The start and end date(s) of the contract(s).
- c) Estimated annual spend (or total spend) on these insourcing arrangements for 2023/24.
- d) as the contract awarded via a framework (e.g., NHS SBS DPS, Crown Commercial Service)? If yes, state which one.

2) Histopathology

A brief description of the services covered (e.g., "blood film reporting," "biopsy analysis," "infection screening")

- a) The name(s) of the external provider(s).
- b) b) The start and end date(s) of the contract(s).
- c) Estimated annual spend (or total spend) on these insourcing arrangements for 2023/24.
- d) Was the contract awarded via a framework (e.g., NHS SBS DPS, Crown Commercial Service)? If yes, state which one.

3) Microbiology

A brief description of the services covered (e.g., "blood film reporting," "biopsy analysis," "infection screening")

- a) The name(s) of the external provider(s).
- b) b) The start and end date(s) of the contract(s).
- c) Estimated annual spend (or total spend) on these insourcing arrangements for 2023/24.
- d) Was the contract awarded via a framework (e.g., NHS SBS DPS, Crown Commercial Service)? If yes, state which one.

4) Oncology

A brief description of the services covered (e.g., "blood film reporting," "biopsy analysis," "infection screening")

- a) The name(s) of the external provider(s).
- b) The start and end date(s) of the contract(s).
- c) Estimated annual spend (or total spend) on these insourcing arrangements for 2023/24.
- d) Was the contract awarded via a framework (e.g., NHS SBS DPS, Crown Commercial Service)? If yes, state which one.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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