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Private Healthcare Spend

1. The total amount spent each financial year from 1 April 2020 to the most recent available date on private sector providers to deliver medical procedures, treatments, or diagnostic services for NHS patients.
2. Please break this information down by:
 - a. Financial year (e.g., 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, etc.)
 - b. Type of procedure/treatment/service, where available (e.g., surgeries, diagnostic scans, mental health services, etc.)
 - c. Name of private provider/organisation, where available.

Finance response for Questions 1 and Questions 2a-c

Financial Year	Spend
2020/21	£12,599,429
2021/22	£25,322,254
2022/23	£25,438,526
2023/24	£20,547,305
2024/25	£16,488,781

*Figures provided as per Trust Finance report dated 11.08.25.

**Financial figures reflect the amounts paid to companies during the year requested. This does not always correlate to activity undertaken in-year due to the invoice payment period.

The above spend was across the following providers who delivered the services noted below:

Provider	Speciality
352 Medical Limited	Dermatology/ Gastroenterology / General Surgery / Gynaecology / Gynae Oncology / Hepatology / Ophthalmology / Urology / Vascular / Imaging / Paediatric Scopes / Orthopaedics / Fractures / Orthopaedics / Breast / ENT / Nephrology / Neuro Surgery / Plastic Surgery / Thoracic Surgery / Endoscopy / Paediatric Orthopaedics / Paediatric Medicine / Clinical Neurophysiology / Respiratory Medicine
Alliance Clinical Services Limited	ENT / Ophthalmology / Endoscopy / Gastroenterology / General Surgery / Hepatology / Paediatric ENT / Rheumatology / Pain Management / Urology
Alliance Medical Diagnostic Images	General Imaging / Cardiology Imaging Services

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Beacon Hospital	Neurosurgery
Belfast Skin Clinic	Dermatology
Blackrock Clinic Unlimited Company	Cardiac / Urology / General Surgery
Cathedral Eye Clinic	Ophthalmology / Dermatology
EEG-Ireland.Com Limited	Clinical Neurophysiology / Neurology
Hermitage Medical Clinic	Urology
Mater Private Hospital	Cardiac / Urology / General Surgery / Thoracic / Gynaecology / Vascular / Gynae Oncology / Gastroenterology / Ophthalmology / Orthopaedics
Medica Reporting Limited	Teleradiology
Medical Consulting NI Limited t/a Rheumatology Consulting NI (RCNI)	Rheumatology
Orthoderm Limited	Dermatology / Gynaecology / Orthopaedics / Urology
Rheumatology Alliance NI Limited	Rheumatology
Spa Medica Limited	Ophthalmology
Sports Surgery Clinic, Dublin	Orthopaedics / Fractures / Urology
Ulster Independent Clinic	Ophthalmology / Manometry / Paediatric Endoscopes / Paediatric Gastroenterology / Breast Surgery / Vascular Surgery / General Surgery / ENT / Gynae Oncology / Nephrology / Orthopaedics / Paediatric Surgery / Thoracic / Urology / Gastroenterology / Plastic Surgery

*The Trust has excluded naming one IS Provider under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as the small numbers involved could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018. Patient numbers have been included in the activity response below.

N.B. Use of less than five (<5) - We are not able to provide the information requested. The low numbers involved would reduce numbers to discoverable limits and, as a result, we consider that individuals could be identified and disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - Personal Information relating to a third party.

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3. If possible, please also provide the number of patients or procedures covered by this spend each year.

Response re Question 3

Currency	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
New Outpatient Attendances	1932	7007	3561	4141	4106
Review Outpatient Attendances	1175	4567	5374	6682	3711
Inpatient Procedures	876	827	1008	584	371
Daycase Procedures	4071	4946	4215	4878	3715
Imaging Scans	***	***	58870	67001	58614

*Service provided is dependent on the patient pathway agreed via the Contract terms and may include one or more elements within the range of initial consultation, pre-assessment, diagnostics, outpatient treatment, inpatient procedure, daycase procedure and review appointment. Figures do not include circumstances where an IS Provider has assisted on an in-house surgical procedure.

**Sources of information for outpatient, inpatient and daycase activity as per PAS Report and Encompass Report from 06 June 2024 onwards.

***Sources of information for diagnostic procedures and scans as per IS Office Team/Imaging Services Team. In respect of the financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22 due to billing system/Radiology Information System configuration the Trust Imaging Services Team has advised that provision of these figures would take in excess of 18 hours and has been exempted as enabled under Section 12 Fees Limit of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on this basis.