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Expenditure On Insourcing and Outsourcing

Request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding insourcing and outsourcing expenditure.

1) Please provide the total expenditure on Insourcing* and Outsourcing services in the below table for financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26, split by quarter:**

Quarter (Financial Year)	Insourcing Spend (£)*d	Outsourcing Spend (£)
Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun) 25/26	£582,073	
Quarter 2 (Jul-Sep) 25/26	£474,909	
Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec) 25/26	£328,394	
Quarter 4 (Jan-Mar) 25/26	£547,840	
Full 2025/26 Total	£1,933,216	£21,037,349**
Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun) 24/25	£383,256	
Quarter 2 (Jul-Sep) 24/25	£366,861	
Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec) 24/25	£393,347	
Quarter 4 (Jan-Mar) 24/25	£467,580	
Full 2024/25 Total	£1,611,044	£16,488,781**

* Insourcing spend provided with quarterly breakdown.
**Outsourcing spend provided as total annual figure inclusive of Insourcing spend.

2) What are you budgeting to spend for financial year 2026/27 on insourcing services?

Funding for Insourced Services is allocated via the Elective Access Plan funding from the Department of Health (NI) or via established Trust budget. Budgets for Insourced Services are allocated based on Trust prioritisation of need.

3) Has the Trust implemented any measures during 2026/27 to reduce expenditure in insourcing services?

* Insourcing refers to hiring an external provider to deliver clinical or surgical services inside an NHS hospital, using the trust's own facilities, equipment, and rooms.

**Outsourcing refers to an NHS trust or regional board paying an external private company to provide patient care or support services at an outside location

In line with the Elective Care Framework, the Trust has progressed a range of initiatives to enhance service capacity, efficiency and sustainability across key clinical areas. This includes measures to maximise existing resources, strengthen waiting list management, reduce non-attendance rates and increase productivity.

The Trust has also secured funding through revenue business cases in 2025/26 and 2026/27 to support investment in core capacity, workforce expansion and service modernisation, with the aim of reducing reliance on insourcing and external providers while delivering more activity through core services.