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Clinical insourcing

Enquiry:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding clinical insourcing.

Insourcing is a term used to describe a range of medical and clinical services, which are deployed to utilise spare, out-of-hours capacity, typically at weekends, within a trust, in addition to the trusts existing provisions, with the intention to bolster service outputs and improve efficiency (full definition <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/guidance-for-trusts-on-the-use-of-insourcing.pdf>). The largest providers are Medinet and 18 Week Support.

1. Have you used insourced providers this current financial year? (April 2022 – March 2023)

Trust response: Yes

a. Which insourcing companies have you used this current financial year?

1. Alliance Clinical Services Ltd
2. 352 Medical Limited
3. eeg-ireland.com Limited
4. Alliance Medical Diagnostic Imaging (Northern Ireland) Limited

2. Have you ever used insource providers in the past?

Trust response: Yes

a. If you have stopped using insourced providers, why?

Trust response: N/A

3. Which clinical activities have been insourced and from which insourcing company from FY17 to FY22 (financial year ending March)? Please detail your spend on insourced activities from FY17 to FY22 by company, specialty or procedure, and year

a. E.g. Company X, Endoscopy, £10000, FY22

Trust response: As attached.

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4. Please provide a breakdown of the total number of procedures completed by each insourcing company per year from FY17 to FY22 (financial year ending March) in:

- a. Endoscopy**
- b. Ophthalmology**
- c. ENT**
- d. Dermatology**
- e. All other**

Trust response: The information requested is exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 43: Commercial Interests. There is currently a regional procurement process underway with stage 1 of a Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System completed.

5. Were any services terminated or discontinued early and if so, please detail the reason(s).

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