

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/361

Insourcing Spend

Information Requested:

Please could you provide the below information:

1. What was the Trust's total insourcing spend for the financial year 2023-2024?
2. Which specialties did the Trust use insourcing for, and which insourcing providers were used for each of these specialties?
3. Does the Trust currently have any live insourcing contracts with suppliers, and if so, which specialties and suppliers are these with?

FYI: 'Insourcing' refers to the employment of a 3rd party organisation to perform clinical services on NHS Trust sites. For example, Dermatology outpatient clinics, theatres, etc.

Response Details:

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within Regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the section 12 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within Regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the Fees Regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The Fees Regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

Under section 16 of the Act, which provides a public authority with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can confirm that it does not code for insourcing activity. The UHB might, however, be able to provide the information you have requested if a company associated with the UHB's insourcing activity is specified.