

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 18-180**

Date 20 April 2018

By Email

Dear Sir

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

**1) Are you currently achieving your 6 week diagnostic standard targets?**

Yes, the Trust is currently achieving our 6 week diagnostic standard targets.

**2) In the last 12 months have you used an agency Endoscopy consultant for supply of Endoscopy services?**

No, the Trust has not used an agency Endoscopy consultant for the supply of Endoscopy services.

**3) In the last 12 months, which providers have you used for your Endoscopy services?**

Prime endoscopy, GLANSO.

**4) In the last 12 months, how much have you spent on insourcing your Endoscopy services?**

The Trust has spent around £205k on insourcing our Endoscopy services.

**5) Are you currently being charged, Below, ON, or Above NHS tariff?**

The Trust is currently being charged on the NHS tariff.

**6) How much are you charged per day of Endoscopy service?**

The Trust is being charged as per the tariff share arrangement with GLANSO. We are unable to provide details of the cost per day as this is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. **Section 43** of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time.

**7) In the last 12 months, how many of those months have you used an insourced provider for your Endoscopy services?**

April to November 2017. The Trust has not outsourced any endoscopy activity to other providers from November 2017.

**8) Was this service tendered for?**

No, this service was not tendered for.

**9) Who was successful with the tender allocation?**

Not applicable.

**10) How much are you charged for the following procedures?**

- OGDs
- Colonoscopy
- Flexi Sigmoidoscopy
- E.R.C.P
- EUS

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**11) When using an insourcing provider, on average how many patients have been seen over a set weekend service (Saturday and Sunday)?**

The average number of patients seen over a weekend was 21.

**12) Do you currently require Endoscopy services?**

No, the Trust does not currently require Endoscopy services.

**13) Please provide us with the name, title and contact details of the head of Endoscopy services.**

Endoscopy services fall under the Division of Surgery; whose Divisional Director is Philip Kiely.

Contact details for the Trusts senior staff are available from our website:

<http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/for-clinicians/gp-handbook/quick-reference-telephone-directory/>.

### **Public Interest Test – Application of Exemption (Section 43)**

When assessing whether or not it was in the public interest to disclose the information to you, we took into account the following factors:

#### **Public interest considerations favouring disclosure**

There is a public interest in disclosing information to facilitate accountability and transparency in the spending of public money.

There is a public interest in ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly.

There is also a public interest in ensuring that this is competition for public sector contracts.

#### **Public interest considerations favouring withholding the information**

Against disclosure is that the release of the requested information is commercially sensitive in that disclosing this information would reduce the number of companies willing to do business with the public sector, leading to reduced competition and increased costs.

Against disclosure is the public interest is the potential that by releasing the requested information would or would prejudice someone's commercial interests i.e. damage a company's reputation or the confidence that customers, suppliers or investors may have in a company.

We have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the requested information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, I have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information. We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Sections 43 of the Freedom of Information Act at this time.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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