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Subject: Insourcing and Outsourcing

## REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide the following information for the 2023/2024 financial year:

1. The total amount spent by the Trust on:
  - Insourcing of clinical services
  - Outsourcing of clinical services
2. A breakdown of the above spend by clinical specialty (e.g. Endoscopy, Ophthalmology, Dermatology etc)
3. If available, a list of third-party providers used for insourcing or outsourcing, with corresponding spend per provider.
4. The name or role of the individual(s) or department responsible for approving or signing off insourcing and outsourcing contracts, or who has operational responsibility for these services.
5. How many Insourcing contracts were awarded directly?

## RESPONSE

Contracting information is made available by other means, therefore section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act applies.

The Trust complies with legally required publication of contract notices and contract awards in accordance with Procurement Act 2023, Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, any other applicable legislation, regulation or Procurement Policy Note guidance

In addition to this, the Trust has published its list of active contracts (as at March 2025) on its website [Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust STHK | Our Services](#)

This contains information in relation to

1. Contract value, which is required for question 1
2. Contract description and value which is required for question 2
3. Supplier name which is required for question 3
4. The Trust's Procurement Department would have oversight of insourcing/outourcing contracts. Their contact details on the same link
5. The contracts register, as published, does not feature information around procurement route, including direct award. Please find detail of this in the final column on the attached document:-

**Please see attached**

Please note, the contracts register is being expanded and continually changes. As such, publication on our website will be repeated regularly. Therefore, if information is not presently on there, it may be available on the next publication. Therefore, section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act applies as information is scheduled for future publication, on a regular basis.