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REQUEST

1. A copy of the trust's cost improvement plan for 2025-2026.

Please share with a breakdown of each strand of work, a description of how savings will be achieved for each strand of work, and how much money will be saved through each strand of work.

2. A list of all the independent sector providers commissioned to provide NHS-funded care for the trust in 2025-2026.

For each provider, please share the contract value for 25-26, the type of care outsourced, and whether the contract is expected to be renewed in 26-27.

RESPONSE

Trust CIP for 2025/26:

Theme/Strand of Work	Totals	Description
Corporate savings	4,981	Review of the corporate areas establishments; contract savings
Diagnostics	925	Review of contracts for radiology/pathology; reduction in unnecessary tests
Digital	1,186	Digitalisation of letters; contract reviews
Estates	3,509	Review of all services; taxi usage/contract; food contracts; benchmarking; Car parking
Medicine Optimisation	345	Reducing drugs costs by switching products / reducing wastage
Other	11,739	Salary Sacrifice; rebates; PPs; SLA/Contract reviews
Patient Transport	17	
Planned Care	7,940	Reduction in VLJs/tranformation of services/job plan improvements
Procurement	1,446	Negotiation with suppliers on price; switch to less expensive products
UEC	716	Review of patient flow and staffing
Workforce	15,396	Reduction in bank and premium agency spend. Recruitment to long-standing vacant medical posts to avoid the premium spend. Overtime reduction.
Total	48,200	

Independent Sector Providers:

Information which is publicly available

The Trust publishes contract information in accordance with applicable procurement legislation. This includes, but is not limited to, Public Contracts Regulations 2015; Procurement Act 2023 and Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. Contract information published in accordance with requirements of legislation includes contract details, supplier name, value, term, procurement route etc.

Publication locations include Official Journal of the European Union (<https://ted.europa.eu/en/>) for some older notices and Contracts Finder (<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>) Find a Tender Service (<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Search>). Procurement pipeline information will be published in accordance with legislation.

Additionally, the Trust goes beyond the legal requirements and publishes extracts of its contracts register, periodically, on its public website. (<https://sthk.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/our-services?service=36>)

Publication information includes, but is not limited to, contract descriptions, start and end dates, extension options, procurement routes, supplier details and contract values.