

Ref. No: 2201  
Date: 02/12/25  
Subject: Contracts agreements for orthopaedic services

## REQUEST

1. Details of any current contracts or service agreements for orthopaedic services, including (but not limited to):  
Elective orthopaedics  
Trauma orthopaedics (including In-Fix and Ex-Fix)
2. The start and end dates of each contract or service agreement.
3. The total annual value or estimated value of each contract (if available).
4. The name(s) of the provider(s) delivering orthopaedic services under these contracts
5. Any procurement process documents, tender notices, or award notices related to these contracts (where publicly releasable)

## RESPONSE

1. See note 1
2. See note 1
3. See note 1
4. See note 1
5. See note 1

### *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.

Therefore, the majority of detail in your request is currently publicly available. This means that section 21 of Freedom of Information Act applies.

Alternatively, the Trust updates information as and when more information becomes available, including new contracts being let.

#### *Information which will be made publicly available*

Alternatively, information will be made publicly available as more contracts are advertised and awarded on Find a Tender Service and our contracts register on the website is updated. Therefore, section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act applies