

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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You asked

- 1. Do you currently contract with third-party providers to insource clinical services?**

Yes - Endoscopy, Cardiac Surgery and Histopathology reporting.

If you answered yes to question 1, please also provide the following detail:

- a. The name of your insourcing provider(s) and the specialities covered in this contract (if you use more than one supplier please also provide detail)**

18 Week Support Ltd

SouthWest Cardiac Initiative (Not for profit Organisation)

Plymouth Pathology Services

- b. The contract start and end dates (if multiple please list all)**

18 Week support - End date = 27/08/2021 reviewed three months prior to end date, subject to requirement.

SouthWest Cardiac Initiative - Started July 2018. Annually agreed contract, expires 31st March 2022.

Plymouth Pathology Services - Started August 2019, annually agreed contract, expires on 31st March 2022.

c. If your substantive staff are used as part of the insourcing team or if a full external team is used

The endoscopist is a substantive member of trust staff, all nursing staff are insourced from 18 Week Support.

A combination of Trust substantive staff and other non-UHP (But NHS) staff are used on the SouthWest Cardiac Initiative contract.

UHP substantive staff are used for the Histopathology reporting service.

d. If you are charged per patient, per procedure, per healthcare resource group or a block or volume-based price

Fixed price per list for Endoscopy, regardless of how many procedures delivered.

Per procedure for Cardiac Initiative.

Per report for Histopathology.

e. If Trust/Health Board consumables (e.g. medical gloves, dressings, stationery, etc) are used in the facilitation of the insourcing service and if any charge is levied for using them?

No charge is made to 18 Week support for Consumables.

No charge is made to SouthWest Cardiac Initiative for Consumables. This is provided FOC although covered by tariff we receive

No charge is made to Plymouth Pathology for Consumables. This is provided FOC although covered by tariff we receive

f. If your provider follows your operating procedures to facilitate the service

- i. If yes, please detail the steps you take to ensure they are followed**
- ii. If no, please detail how you ensure that the service is compliant and protects patient safety**

For Endoscopy, the provider is given the Trust's operational policy and all nursing staff are "inducted" by a trust member at the beginning of each weekend.

For both Cardiac and Histopathology, the provider and operators follow all UHP procedures. Clinical governance is picked up and reported through the normal service line governance arrangements (treated as though it is normal NHS activity).

g. What days of the week your clinical insourcing services are provided on (please detail if this differs by speciality)

Endoscopy – Saturday and/ or Sundays (1 or 2 rooms per day)

Cardiac – Saturday and Sunday

Histopathology – Monday - Sunday.

h. Please detail your annual spend on clinical insourcing by speciality

Endoscopy:

2020-21 = £10,796

2019-20 = £816,774

2018-19 = £490,822

Cardiac:

2020-21 = £355,690

2019-20 = £346,710

2018-19 = £342,040

Histopathology:

2020-21 = £73,260

2019-20 = 48,240

- 2. Please detail your current average surgical and outpatient treatment waiting time by speciality (or direct to this information if it is publicly available)**

We publish the following on our website in regard to waiting times:

<https://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/appointment-and-admission-waits>

Legal notes

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

Attachments included: No