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Response Due: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. Are performance-based contracts being utilized in the broadly defined healthcare sector in your entity? Timespan: no limit.**  
The Trust has contracts in place with Integrated Care Boards for patient care/treatments.
- 2. If so, what specific cases of such contracts can be identified?**  
As per NHSE guidance.
- 3. Will the number of such contracts increase, decrease, or remain the same in the future?**  
The contracts are renewed every year and change dependant on the changes to services and/or locality needs.
- 4. Have there been any legal proceedings or court rulings related to such contracts?**  
No.
- 5. If so, what specific cases of such legal proceedings or court rulings can be identified?**  
N/A.
- 6. Do these contracts improve the quality of healthcare services? I do not mean here opinion but rather objective report/feedback/study.**  
Contracts have quality reporting requirements as per NHSE guidance.

**7. Are such contracts positively evaluated? I do not mean here opinion but rather objective report/feedback/study.**

As per NHSE guidance.

**8. Are these contracts available for analysis? I would like to analyse above all the specific Performance Indicators used in these contracts.**

A search for the information has now been completed within the Trust the information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA as it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it via the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/standard-general-medical-services-contract-24-25/>

**9. Is there any specific legislation that provides the legal basis for entering into such contracts for healthcare services? In other words, what is the legal basis for entering into such contracts in the healthcare sector?**

As per NHSE guidance.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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