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Date Received: 27th October 2025

Response Due: 24th November 2025

Date: 24th November 2025

## Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to the Trust's use of clinical insourcing providers.

For the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25 to date, please provide:

1. Whether the Trust currently utilises any clinical insourcing providers to support elective recovery or reduce RTT backlogs.

No, no clinical insourcing providers are being used to support elective recovery or reduce RTT backlogs.

- 2. If yes, please list all insourcing providers used during this period, including:
  - a. The specialties supported by each provider
  - b. Whether the contracts were tendered or directly awarded
  - c. The contract start and end dates (or duration)
- 3. The names or job titles of the individuals or departments responsible for the procurement and management of these insourcing contracts.

Contracts Manager, Procurement Department.

Please note, clinical insourcing refers to the practice whereby external healthcare providers deliver specialised medical services or procedures within a healthcare facility's existing infrastructure, typically to increase capacity or reduce patient waiting lists.

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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Tabitha Gardner Chief Finance Officer

## PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111