

INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2023/797

16 April 2024

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking information regarding the surgical insourcing activities within your NHS Trust, specifically related to the following points:

- 1. Overview of Surgical Insourcing Activities:** Could you please provide an overview of any surgical insourcing activities currently being undertaken by your NHS Trust? This should include, but not be limited to, the types of surgeries and procedures that are being insourced.
- 2. Specialties Involved:** For which medical specialties do you currently undertake insourcing of surgical activities? Please include details on any specialties that are planned to have insourced activities in the near future. -
- 3. Volume and Capacity:** Could you provide information on the volume of surgical procedures that have been insourced over the past 12 months? If possible, please break down this data by specialty and provide monthly or quarterly figures.
- 4. Objectives and Outcomes:** What are the primary objectives behind the decision to insource certain surgical procedures? Furthermore, could you provide any outcomes or performance data that has been collected to assess the success of these insourcing initiatives?
- 5. Contracts and Agreements:** Are there any specific contracts or agreements in place with external entities to facilitate surgical insourcing? If so, could you please provide details on these arrangements, including the nature of the agreements and the parties involved?
- 6. Future Plans:** Does the NHS Trust have any plans to expand or alter its surgical insourcing activities in the foreseeable future? If so, please provide details on what changes are anticipated and the specialties they would affect.

I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

1. The only surgical insourcing currently being undertaken is within Orthodontics
2. Orthodontics
3. The table below shows all activity recorded under Oral Surgery/Orthodontics in theatre 'Oral Dept-Minor Ops'.

Specialty	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Grand Total
Oral Surgery	18	13	46	36	19	20	22	37	4	35	30	8	288
Orthodontics	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Grand Total	18	13	46	36	19	20	23	37	4	35	30	8	289

4. No substantive workforce, full orthodontic service provided by Insourcing Company
5. Yes – Portland Medical, 6 month insourcing contract from April 2024. Previous Eden, provided 12 months of insourcing during 2023/24
6. Nothing further identified for this financial year

Yours sincerely,
Freedom of Information Officer

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