

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Could I please make a Freedom of Information request for the following?

1. A list of all work that was commissioned from independent healthcare providers in 2023-24 through outsourcing and insourcing arrangements. Please include brief details of the activity commissioned – e.g. the relevant specialty – and the total amounts paid. Please include diagnostic activity. (While some of this information is given in published in the ‘over £25k spending data’, the detail around the activity commissioned is not included, hence this request)

Financial Year 2023.24	Apr 23 - Jan 24
Row Labels	Sum of Value
CHELMSFORD PRIORY	3,443,378
CYGNET HEALTH CARE LTD (CAS LEARNING DIS.)	2,019,302
ELYSIUM HEALTHCARE LTD	17,361
PRIORY HOSPITAL BARNT GREEN	10,558
PRIORY HOSPITAL BURGESS HILL	1,961
THE PRIORY HOSPITAL MIDDLETON ST GEORGE	21,381
<i>*Please note this is paid invoices only</i>	
<i>*Excluding Provider Collaborative</i>	

Like other NHS organisations nationally, we are experiencing an increased demand for our services following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other social factors. We have comprehensive action plans in place to reduce out of area placements and ensure that all admissions to our wards are purposeful and appropriate for patient needs.

The Trust is working closely to new national guidance published by NHS England, ensuring that people are only admitted to our inpatient wards when they need treatment or intervention that can only be provided in hospital and it is most suited to their needs. We know hospital isn't, for some patients, the best environment to aid recovery and many benefit from the enhanced routine and crisis care and support provided by our community teams. We have also introduced new senior clinical patient flow leads to help ensure patients receive the right care, in the right place at the right time and spend less unnecessary time in hospital.

However, like all healthcare providers, we have a limited number of beds available so, at times, working with our partners, we have to offer alternative care to ensure patients receive the timely and appropriate support they need. This can be admission to another hospital or care provider, taking into account the views and needs of patients and their loved ones and carers and putting patient safety first.

2. Please state where contracts detailed in question 2 are being extended into 2023-24.

Activity is expected to extend into 2024-2025.

3. If held, could the trust or ICB please provide a copy of its current elective recovery plan?

N/A

4. If held, could the trust or ICB please provide a copy of its current cancer recovery plan?

N/A

5. A list of all external support commissioned to help with cost improvement measures in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. For each, could you please list name of company used, amount paid for work and brief details of work commissioned?

The Trust did not directly engaged for Efficiency Support but had some access to support Engaged by MSE ICB in 2023-2024.

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