

16 September 2025

Our Ref: FOI 1360

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Spend on Insourcing from May 2025 - July 2025**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above, which you requested on 19 August 2025.

A response to the questions you have raised has been provided by the Finance and Estates Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

Q1. What is the spend on Insourcing from May 2025 - end of July 2025, broken down by each specialty and subspecialty, and the insourcing company that was used, e.g. cardiology £1000- echo cardiogram £1000- company x £1000?

A1. Please see Table 1 below for a breakdown of the spend on insourcing from 1 May 2025 until 31 July 2025, broken down by each specialty and subspecialty, and the insourcing company that was used.

Table 1

Speciality	Subspecialty	Independent Sector Provider	Services e.g. Theatres/Outpatient/Diagnostic	Contract Start & End Date	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Total
Endoscopy (Ulster Hospital & Lagan Valley Hospital)	Colonoscopy/OGD/Flexi & Central Sterile Services Department (CSSD)	Alliance Clinical Services Limited	Diagnostic	01/08/2022 – 30/09/2025	£229,095	£216,855	£203,645	£649,595 £649,595
Radiology	MRI/CT/US/Reporting	Alliance Clinical Services Limited	Diagnostic	01/04/2025 – 30/09/2025	£126,373	£183,218	£99,004	£408,595
Dermatology	Dermatology	Alliance Clinical Services Limited	Outpatient/Diagnostic	01/10/2024 – 30/09/2025	£51,580	£36,345	£59,160	£147,085
Cardiology	Echo - Cardiology	Alliance Medical Diagnostic Imaging (NI) Ltd	Diagnostic	01/07/2019 – 31/03/2026	£12,180	£12,366	£7,685	£32,231

Please note that with regards to Table 1 above, it shows Independent Sector provider costs only. This is not the full cost, as it does not include costs incurred by the Trust for accommodation, consumables, etc.

Q2. *What is the budget for each specialty for insourcing?*

A2. There is no recurrent budget for insourcing. The Trust bids for funding from Strategic Planning Performance Group (SPPG) and, depending on what is received, the budget is allocated to prioritise specialities that have the longest waiting lists.

Q3. *Confirm the contract start and end date for each specialty.*

A3. Please see Table 1 above for the contract start and end date for each specialty.

Q4. *What frameworks were used for each specialty and was there direct awards and if so, who were they awarded to and what specialty?*

A4. There were no frameworks available in the Trust for any of the listed specialties in Table 1.

Q5. *What was the service, e.g. theatres, outpatient, or diagnostic?*

A5. Please see Table 1 above for a breakdown of the service in each specialty.