

13 August 2025

Our Ref: FOI 1273

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Utilisation of Insourcing**

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 8 July 2025. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to the questions you have raised has been provided by the Surgery, Elective Care, Maternity & Paediatrics 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. Please can I request the below information on the utilisation of Insourcing for the following period 01/04/2025-30/06/2025.

What is the total spend during the period 01/04/2025-30/06/2025 for Insourcing for the below specialties?

- **Neurology**
- **Neurophysiology**
- **Dermatology**
- **Gastroenterology**
- **Endoscopy**
- **Cardiology**
- **Respiratory**
- **Orthodontics / Dental**
- **OMFS**
- **ENT**
- **Rheumatology**
- **Gynaecology**
- **Ophthalmology**
- **Surgery- including all subspecialties**

A1. The total spend during the period 01/04/2025-30/06/2025 for insourcing the specialities listed above is £747,906.

Q2. Please break the above spend down by insourcing company.

A2. Please see Table 1 below for a breakdown of the above spend by insourcing company.

Table 1

Specialty	Total Spend Between 01/04/2025-30/06/2025
Dermatology – Alliance Clinical Services Ltd	£114,875
Endoscopy – Alliance Clinical Services Ltd	£604,135
Cardiology (Echo) – Alliance Medical Diagnostics Imaging (NI) Ltd	£28,896

Q3. Please confirm if there was a budget for insourcing for the specialties outlined above during 01/04/2025-30/06/2025.

A3. The Trust did not have a budget for insourcing for the specialities outlined above during 01/04/2025-30/06/2025.

Q4a. What was the service type relating to the specialties outlined above? For example, outpatient, diagnostic or theatres.

Please see Table 2 below for a breakdown of the service type relating to the specialties outlined above.

Table 2

Specialty	Service Type
Dermatology	Outpatient & Procedure
Endoscopy	Procedure
Cardiology	Diagnostic

Q4b. Was it a fully managed service or Team provision?

A4b. Insourcing provide the entire team.

Q5. Please can you confirm the Frameworks utilised for each specialty?

A5. The Trust did not utilise any formal procurement frameworks for the delivery of insourcing services in any of the specialties listed in question 4a.

Q6. Please confirm any direct awards or mini competitions which are being utilised for each specialty?

A6. The Trust has not undertaken any mini competitions in relation to insourcing services for the specialties listed in question 4a.
The Trust directly awarded contracts during the period 01/04/2025 – 30/06/2025.

Q7. What are the total procedures completed by insourcing companies for the specialties outlined above during 01/04/2025-30/06/2025?

A7. The total number of procedures completed by insourcing companies for the specialties outlined in question 4a during 01/04/2025-30/06/2025 is 2,139.