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REQUEST

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.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

The Trust currently has no insourcing arrangements for surgical procedures, and at present, there are no plans to.