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Subject: Pest Control

REQUEST

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I would also like to request how much the Trust spent on pest control in each of the three financial years mentioned.

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.

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Sites	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
St Helens and Knowsley sites	98	123	63*
Southport and Ormskirk sites	21	48	24*
*Correct as of October 2023.			

The following are the specific reasons for callouts:

- bees
- flying pests
- rodents
- insects
- pigeons

The subcontractor has used methods such as, poison (external), identifying cause (i.e. source of food removed). The service also includes planned preventative visits / monitoring, and fumigation.

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St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

At St Helens and Whiston Hospital sites the Facilities Management Services are provided under the Trusts Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract with NewHospitals which also provides the hospital buildings and infrastructure.

All management of the pest control service on these sites are part of the PFI agreements. At St Helens and Whiston Hospital sites all expenditure for these services is provided as part of the PFI agreement and as such are not discreetly identifiable.

Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust

The costs for these visits are included within our pest control maintenance contract for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust total of £33,524.62