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Date: 06/10/23
Subject: Insourcing Spend

REQUEST

- 1. Has the Trust utilised insourcing with the FY 2022/23?**
- 2. What was the insourcing spend by the Trust for FY 2022/23?**

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.

Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

We do not categorise contracts as “insourcing” and as such to provide an accurate response would need to review invoiced expenditure at line level.

The invoice data for a 12-month period for St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust alone contains 77,000 invoices which would need to be rationalised and then reviewed. The invoices are electronic, so time taken is an extrapolated estimate of time taken to click on link, time taken for link to load, time taken for someone to read and make a decision whether or not the invoice is for an insourced clinical service or not.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.