

Ref FOI17 084  
Date 7 March 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

Question 1

· In the last 12 months, have you sub-contracted any surgical activity to non-NHS providers (e.g. providers such as Ramsay Health Care, Nuffield Health, BMI, Spire, Care UK)?

*Response: Care UK are currently reviewing casenotes of patients on our waiting list, however, no surgical activity has yet been sub contracted.*

Question 2

· If yes, which kind of private providers were used to undertake such services? Please select which apply and the name of the sub-contracted companies which were used

Type of provider	Provider type used? [Y/N]	Name of provider(s)
a. Private secondary hospitals		N/A
b. Independent Sector Treatment Centre		N/A
c. Mobile Operating Theatre (such as those provided by Vanguard Healthcare)		N/A
d. Other [Please specify]		N/A

Question 3

· Please indicate what was the main cause of the need to sub-contract activity (please allocate an approximate % if multiple reasons)

Response: This not applicable, please see Q1

Cause	Approximate %
a. Reduce Trust waiting list	
b. Lack of available Theatre Capacity (theatres fully utilised)	
c. Lack of available Theatre Capacity (1 or more theatres not operational due to refurbishment etc.)	
d. Lack of available beds	
e. Lack of Consultants	
f. Other [Please specify]	

Question 4

- What were the major surgical specialities that were sub-contracted (e.g. Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology etc.)
- If possible, please provide an estimated % split by speciality of total sub-contracted spend

Response: This not applicable, please see Q1

	Surgical specialty	Approximate spend %
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Question 5

- How much was spent by the Trust on sub-contracted surgical activity over the last 12 months?
- Was this an increase, decrease or similar amount to the previous 12 months?
- If possible, please provide an estimation of this increase/ decrease (as a %)

Response: This not applicable, please see Q1

Sub-Question	Answer
Amount spent by the Trust on sub-contracted surgical activity over the last 12 months	
– Increase, decrease or similar amount to the previous 12 months	
– Estimation of this increase/ decrease (as a %)	

Question 6

- Do you currently have an operational Private Patient Unit?
- If no, do you plan to open one in the next 12 months?

Sub-Question	Answer
· Do you currently have an operational Private Patient Unit?	Yes
– If no, do you plan to open one in the next 12 months?	

### Question 7

· If no, what is the reason that you have not opened a Private Patient Unit to date (please allocate an approximate % if multiple reasons)?

Response: This not applicable, please see Q6.

Reason	Approximate %
a. Lack of private patient population in region	
b. Not seen as a current priority as far as Trust strategy	
c. Lack of Trust capex to invest	
d. Lack of time to plan and build	
e. Concerned about the public relations impact of opening one	
f. Other (please specify)	

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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

**Freedom of Information Team**