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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6230**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 15th March 2024.

Your request was as follows:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust do not use Surgical Insourcing. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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?

N/A

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?

N/A

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.

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6230 in any future communications.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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