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Information requested:

Please can you provide some clarification the below queries:

- Has the health board utilised "Insourcing" with the FY 22/23?
- What was the insourcing spend by the health board for 22/23?
- How was Insourcing procured by the health board? Was a particular framework used?
- Outside of procurement team who is the Senior Officer responsible for Insourcing?

For clarity, 'insourcing' is defined as: "where an NHS organisation sub-contracts medical services/procedures. It differs to locum supply in that the full end to end service is provided, not just staff."

Response:

No "insourcing" has been utilised in the financial year 22/23 and therefore our spending was £0.00.

For the remaining questions, we give notice under FOISA section 17 that we do not hold the information requested.

Advice and Guidance

The State Hospital is a special health board and in common with other special health boards does not have a primary care function to provide GP services, dentistry and other similar services.

For example, we have no obligation to provide a dental service to patients. Patients requiring access to a dentist could be registered with a geographically local dental practice and appointments made for them. This would involve a significant amount of resources to ensure that there was an appropriate level of escort and security in place for each visit.

Instead of we have service level agreement with a third party to provide dentistry on our site. They use our facilities and our equipment.

We did not consider that services like our dental service were within the scope of this request because these agreements are predominantly about staff rather than an end to end service as described in the question.

If you would prefer us to consider services like this to be in scope, please let us know.