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27th March 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 15th March 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 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.**
Sherwood Forest Hospital are not using any insourcing for surgical activity.
- 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**

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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.

The Trust is currently scoping the potential to use insourcing to support with anaesthetic consultant gaps in order to facilitate an increase in the number of surgical theatre lists being run each week and also considering the use of insourcing to support weekend working. This will be dependent on the outcome of a business case review. If successful then this will predominantly be used to support Orthopaedics, General Surgery and ENT where we have our biggest backlogs of patients. The decision to look to use insourcing is due to staffing gaps and the need to reduce waiting times. However, the case will need to generate sufficient income to cover the cost of insourcing.

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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