

**Reference Number:** FOI/LHCH/2017060  
**From:** Commercial  
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**Subject:** Sub-contracting of surgical activity

**Q1** 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)?

**A1** No

**Q2** 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:

- Private secondary hospitals
- Independent Sector Treatment Centre
- Mobile Operating Theatre (such as those provided by Vanguard Healthcare)
- Other [Please specify]

**A2** Information not held – not applicable

**Q3** Please indicate what was the main cause of the need to sub-contract activity (please allocate an approximate % if multiple reasons):

- Reduce Trust waiting list
- Lack of available Theatre Capacity (theatres fully utilised)
- Lack of available Theatre Capacity (1 or more theatres not operational due to refurbishment etc.)
- Lack of available beds
- Lack of Consultants
- Other [Please specify]

**A3** Information not held – not applicable

**Q4** 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

**A4** Information not held – not applicable

**Q5** 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 %)

**A5** Information not held – not applicable

**Q6** Do you currently have an operational Private Patient Unit?  
– If no, do you plan to open one in the next 12 months?

A6 Information exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'. Information regarding the Trust's private patient facilities is available on our website: <http://www.lhch.nhs.uk/our-patients/private-patient-facilities/>

Q7 If no, what is the reason that you have not opened a Private Patient Unit to date (please allocate an approximate % if multiple reasons)?

- 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)

A7 Information not held – not applicable