

Ref: FOI/2024/10308

Date Received: 19th November 2024

Response Due: 17th December 2024

Date: 13th December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 19th November 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:

I would like to submit a request for data under the Freedom of information act.

The information I'm looking for is in regard to vaccinations and the outsourcing of vaccinations to third parties.

1) Do you currently outsource to external suppliers to administer vaccines? (e.g. pharmacies, independent clinics etc)?

No.

a) If yes, which providers do you have contracts with? Please detail:

i) Provider name

ii) Contract start date (mm/yyyy)

iii) Contract end date (mm/yyyy)

iv) Contract value (£)

v) Volume commitments (#)

vi) Vaccines offered

N/A.

2) For the financial years (April – March) 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24:

a) Annual spend in £'s on vaccination services by your trust, split by:

i) NHS vaccine administration

2018/19 = £4,857

2019/20 = £3,722

2020/21 = £5,276
2021/22 = £9,305
2022/23 = £57,971
2023/24 = £10,514

ii) **Outsourced vaccine administration**
£0.

b) **Total volumes of vaccines administered by type (latest available year):**

- **6-in-1 vaccine = 27**
- **Rotavirus vaccine = 24**
- **MenB vaccine = 60**
- **Pneumococcal vaccine = 52**
- **Hib/MenC vaccine = 0**
- **MMR vaccine = 331**
- **Children's flu vaccine 0**
- **4-in-1 pre-school booster vaccine = 0**
- **HPV vaccine = <5**
- **Td/IPV vaccine (3-in-1 teenage booster) = 2,444**
- **MenACWY vaccine = 0**
- **Flu vaccine = 595**
- **RSV vaccine = 0**
- **Covid-19 = 546**
- **Other = 0**

c) **Split of vaccines by provider type (NHS/outsourced) (%)**

- **6-in-1 vaccine**
- **Rotavirus vaccine**
- **MenB vaccine**
- **Pneumococcal vaccine**
- **Hib/MenC vaccine**
- **MMR vaccine**
- **Children's flu vaccine**
- **4-in-1 pre-school booster vaccine**
- **HPV vaccine**
- **Td/IPV vaccine (3-in-1 teenage booster)**
- **MenACWY vaccine**
- **Flu vaccine**
- **RSV vaccine**
- **Covid-19**
- **Other**

100% NHS.

3) **What are your key selection criteria when selecting a provider? (Price, reputation, capacity, range of vaccinations provided etc). Please list. Are you able to share the RFPs?**
N/A.

The Trust has a standard procedure of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Gary Masterman
Deputy Chief Pharmacist

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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