FOI 2646

Date 18/10/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

Please provide me with information on Luton and Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's contracts with private hospitals to provide surgeries and tests to NHS patients, whether as part of the Elective Recovery Plan or in the ordinary course of providing surgeries and tests to NHS patients.

This information should include:

1. Which private hospitals you have contracts with,
2. What the monetary value of each contract is,
3. And, what surgeries and tests the private hospitals are contracted to provide under each contract.

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| Private Hospital | Elective procedures or outpatients   - specialties below  - or Imaging | YTD Sep-23 (£'000) |
| Spire | General Surgery and T&O | 74 |
| Pinehill | General Surgery and T&O | 104 |
| Shakespeare Clinic | Dermatology OP | 141 |
| OSD Healthcare | Pain Management and Imaging | 40 |
| Ultrasound Clinic | Imaging | 20 |
|  |  | 378 |

Pease note, the summary is for BHFT as our contracts cover both sites. We have contracts with the private hospitals, which do not guarantee volumes of activity. Year to date spend is provided as a guide.

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 Yours sincerely,

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