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Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
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Swansea Bay University
Health Board

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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-H-045**

You asked for the following information:

1. The name and email address of:

The General Manager that is responsible for each of the following clinical areas:

- a. Endoscopy / Gastroenterology**
- b. Dermatology**
- c. Urology**
- d. Ophthalmology**
- e. ENT**
- f. Surgery**
- g. Rheumatology**
- h. Neurology**

Please see this link to our website which provides details of key contacts for service directors: [Swansea Bay UHB - Swansea Bay University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/swansea-bay-university-health-board)

Responsibility for the above areas is split as follows:

- Morriston Hospital Service Delivery Group- Urology, ENT, Neurology
- Singleton/ Neath Port Talbot Hospitals Service Deliver Group- Endoscopy/ Gastroenterology, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Rheumatology
- Surgery is covered by both Morriston and Singleton/ Neath Port Talbot Service Delivery Groups

2. In the last 12 months, which external Insourcing providers have you used for the above services?

HBSUK and ID Medical

3. Do you have a contract with an external Insourcing provider of the above services and, if so, which company is the contract with?

Endoscopy / Gastroenterology – ID Medical

Ophthalmology – HBSUK

Surgery (Breast and Orthopaedics) – HBSUK



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4. If you have a contract with an Insourcing provider for any of the above services, for which service is it? When does it currently expire and when will it be reviewed?

Contract end dates are March 2023. Review period is quarterly.

5. If you have a contract with an Insourcing provider for Endoscopy Services, how much are you being charged per fully staffed room, per day?

This information has been withheld. Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption for the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test.

In releasing the financial information, a competitor would also be able to use this information to alter their own bids to undercut the current insourcing provider in future negotiations. There is a very real possibility that disclosure could provide a competitor with a commercial advantage in future negotiations in what maybe a competitive market. A causal link between disclosure of the information and the prejudice can clearly be drawn. Any loss of competitiveness leading to the current insourcing provider losing future contracts would be significantly damaging to its commercial interests and can certainly be described as "real, actual or of substance".

The Health Board also believes that disclosure would prejudice its own commercial interests because it would deter companies making bids in the future for fear that their commercially sensitive information would be made public and would also damage relations between the Health Board and the current provider.

In conclusion, we feel we feel that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in releasing at this time.

Please note that SBUHB utilise the all-Wales framework for insourcing and outsourcing when awarding contracts to providers. For each contract, Procurement will undertake a value for money assessment by comparing the provider's tariff to the national tariff. The amounts paid by SBUHB are in line with the national framework.

6. If you have a contract with an Insourcing provider for Endoscopy Services, what days of the week do they operate and how many rooms do they staff?

1 room all day, 5 days a week

7. What has been the spend by the Trust/Health Board in the last 12 months on Insourced Endoscopy Services?

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To provide this total figure, along with the information provided in Q6, with only one supplier for this service, you could essentially then work out the approximate cost per day for Q5.

Whilst the Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency and there is an interest in the public being aware of how much money is spent and the benefits derived from that expenditure. The Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging companies from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Boards ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. It is therefore decided that it is not in the publics' interest to disclose this information.

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- 8. Does the Trust/Health Board currently require insourced services (Full teams or Consultant / Nursing only) for any of the following clinical areas:**
- a. Endoscopy / Gastroenterology**
 - b. Dermatology**
 - c. Urology**
 - d. Ophthalmology**
 - e. ENT**
 - f. Surgery**
 - g. Rheumatology**
 - h. Neurology**

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- 9. Does the Health Board currently require specific insourced BCS (Bowel Cancer Screening) Services?**

Yes

- 10. Does the Health Board currently require additional Endoscopy capacity (to purchase or rent) via a suitable external premises or JAG accredited Mobile / Modular Endoscopy Unit?**

Information not held

- 11. Does the Health Board wish to discuss a collaboration in respect of the construction of a new Endoscopy facility with Decontamination?**



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