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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013660 – Contracts

I would like to make a formal Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information act 2000. I have a series of specific questions:

1. With regards to 1997 –2010: does your trust no longer provide some services which it previously provided, after these services were put out to tender by the CCG and when your trust submitted a bid for the contracts associated with these services and lost the bid to private companies? - Information not held
2. If your trust did lose, contracts or parts of its operations running to private companies from 1997 – 2010, what did you lose? - Information not held
3. With regards to 2010 to present day: does your trust no longer provide some services which it previously provided, after these services were put out to tender by the CCG and when your trust submitted a bid for the contracts associated with these services and lost the bid to private companies? - The Trust has not lost any bid to private companies although AQP tenders mean that private providers do now have a market share for Audiology and Nail Surgery
4. If your trust did lose any contracts or parts its operational running to private companies from 2010 –present day what did you lose? - See above
5. What services did you outsource to private companies from 1997 – 2010? - Information not held
6. What services did you outsource to private companies from 2010 – present day? - The Trust outsources some Renal Dialysis and ad hoc neurophysiology tests. Throughout the period there have been some one-off agreements to assist with waiting lists, i.e. the Trust currently has an agreement with the private sector to undertake a specific number of Ophthalmology follow up outpatient clinics over a 3 month period and has previously entered into an arrangement for a small number of Urology cases to be undertaken in the private sector. In addition, the Trust has bought in the use of a mobile MRI and mobile CT scanner from the private sector.
7. Has your trust created its own private subsidiary company to take over the running of parts of your trust? - The Trust has created Dudley Clinical Service Ltd to run a small element of the Pharmacy service.
8. Does your trust plan to created its own private subsidiary company to take over the running of parts of your trust? - Not at this point.