

Friday 25 April 2025

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Monday 7 April 2025. I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Service Provision

Does the Trust currently provide spirometry services in-house, or are these services outsourced/insourced to external providers?

In-house

If outsourced or insourced, which providers are currently contracted, and under what terms?

N/A

What are the eligibility criteria for external providers seeking subcontracting opportunities?

N/A

2. Tariff and Payment Model

What is the current tariff for spirometry services under the NHS Payment System?

This information is commercially sensitive

Is the service funded per test, per patient, or under a block contract arrangement?

The service is under a block contract arrangement

Does the Trust claim reimbursement for spirometry under any specific national or local NHS payment schemes?

This information is commercially sensitive

3. Demand, Capacity, and Backlogs

How many spirometry tests were conducted annually in the last three years?

Please see attached document.

What is the current backlog of patients awaiting spirometry testing?

7 patients

What is the average waiting time from referral to test?

8-10 weeks

Has the Trust implemented any initiatives to address spirometry service backlogs?

No

4. Procurement

Who is responsible for commissioning or procuring spirometry services within the Trust, e.g., insourcing, outsourcing or subcontracting spirometry services

N/A

Are there any planned tenders or procurement exercises for spirometry services in the next 12-24 months?

N/A

What are the Trust's criteria for subcontracting spirometry services to external providers?

N/A

5. Key Contact Information

The name, role, telephone number, and email address of the individuals responsible for spirometry service insourcing, outsourcing, subcontracting, or service management within the Trust.

Under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act – Personal Information – MKUH does not give out the names of staff members.

If you are unhappy with the information received in response to this request, please address your complaint to the Patient Affairs Office at Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Standing Way, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes MK6 5LD. If, after exhausting our internal process, you are still unhappy with the information received, you may write to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

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For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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