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Thank you for your request concerning NHS Talking Therapies.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Please provide data on providers, volume and value for outsourcing and insourcing IAPT (NHS Talking Therapies) services within your respective trust, board, or ICS for the financial years 2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19.

Please provide the following:

1. Name of the provider to whom is outsourced/insourced:

HPFT have worked with a charitable organisation who deliver volumes of DIT, above what we cannot provide ourselves on an ad hoc c-p-c (Cost per case) basis even before Talking Therapies (IAPT) was introduced as a National initiative.

Typing Therapy provider: IESO

2. The total value of the services provided/contract (in £s) and number of appointments covered/completed under the agreement)

Financial Year	Value invoiced in year £
22/23	164,300
21/22	131,040
20/21	837,040
19/20	204,000
18/19	0

The Trust considers the disclosure of unit costs to be commercially sensitive under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Information is exempt if disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the public authority holding the information¹. We are withholding the breakdown of completed therapies.

This is a qualified exemption and therefore subject to the public interest test. We have considered the reasons for and against disclosure below:

¹ Section 43 – Information that constitutes a trade secret or may prejudice commercial interests

Reason in favour of disclosure

There is considerable interest in ensuring the Trust is transparent about its spending of public money at a time when public finances are under considerable scrutiny.

Reason against disclosure

The Trust is obliged to protect its commercial relationships with third parties; they must have confidence that their commercial information is secure when provided to the Trust. The release of this information is likely to prejudice our on-going relationship with these providers.

Furthermore, the supplier would be placed at an additional competitive disadvantage as other providers would also have access to this information which could then be used to distort prices to the detriment of the supplier and ultimately us.

We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

