

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/235

Subject: Procurement of Rheumatology Services

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold some of the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
Have you (or the previous CCGs areas) ever/in the last 6 years contracted with an independent provider to provide rheumatology services, including waiting list initiatives?	No, all services are provided by NHS Trusts - https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/rheumatology/advice-guidance-service/
Do you have an independent provider on patch for rheumatology services? If so, who are the providers and which areas of the ICB do they cover?	No
Which rheumatology services went through procurement and which were a direct award?	Not applicable.
Actual spend on each contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date and annually Start date & duration of framework/contract/award?	

<p>Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?</p>	
<p>Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?</p>	
<p>Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?</p>	
<p>Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?</p>	

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 9 March 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.