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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 5 May 2026, regarding NHS-funded clinical services delivered at Woodthorpe Hospital (Ramsay Health Care UK) during the period March 2016 to April 2017. We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities like ours are required to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. In response to your request, I can confirm that we do hold the information requested.

Please find below our response to your request:

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. Whether Ramsay Health Care UK (Woodthorpe Hospital) held contracts with the NHS (then Clinical Commissioning Groups) for the provision of outpatient or spinal services during this period.

Yes, Ramsay Health Care UK (Woodthorpe Hospital) held contracts with NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups for the provision of outpatient and spinal services during the relevant period.

2. Whether those contracts permitted subcontracting or the use of third-party entities in the delivery or financial administration of NHS-funded services.

Yes, the contracts included provisions which permitted subcontracting or the use of third-party entities, subject to the relevant contractual terms and conditions.

3. Whether any subcontracting, third-party involvement, or payment routing arrangements involving Nottingham Spine Care (NSC) were:

- Declared to, and/or
- Approved by the relevant NHS commissioning body.

No. There is no record of any subcontracting, third-party involvement, or payment routing arrangements involving Nottingham Spine Care that were declared to or approved by the relevant NHS commissioning body.

4. If specific details cannot be disclosed, please confirm at least whether:

- Any subcontracting arrangements were in place for the relevant services; and
- Whether such arrangements were compliant with the contractual and governance requirements in force at the time.

Not applicable. As set out in response to Question 3, no subcontracting arrangements involving Nottingham Spine Care were in place.

5. Please provide any relevant policies, guidance, or contractual provisions (in force during 2016–2017) governing:

- Subcontracting of NHS-funded services by independent sector providers; and
- Requirements for disclosure or approval of third-party involvement.

Please see the attached documents, which were in force during the relevant period:

- **Attachment A:** NHS Standard Contract 2016/17 – General Conditions
- **Attachment B:** NHS Standard Contract 2016/17 – Service Conditions.

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Yours sincerely

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