

FOI 0319/2025 Request

Dear FOI Team,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Health Service Journal (HSJ). *I am submitting a request for information held by the trust under the Freedom of Information Act.*

This has two parts. They are not dependent on one another. Please respond to the second part regardless of your answer to the first. Please provide this information to me in an electronic format.

- 1. Please list the names of any wholly-owned subsidiaries (also known as SubCos) to the trust**

Summerhill Services Limited (SSL) is a 'wholly owned subsidiary' of Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (BSMHFT)

- 2. In March 2025 Sir James Mackey the chief executive of NHS England told the wider NHS that trusts should normally be transferring support staff to wholly-owned subsidiary companies adding that all trusts will need to introduce or consider SubCos. It is my understanding that at that point NHS foundation trusts began looking into the possibility of setting up new SubCos or expanding the use of their current SubCo, if they have one or more already. To that end, please provide the following pieces of information:**

- a. The name of any management consultancy and/or professional services firms you engaged to provide advice and support following this announcement by Sir James in regard to setting up new or expanding the use of extant SubCos. For the avoidance of doubt, by professional services firms I mean companies (of any size) that provide advice and support in fields such as law, technical areas of expertise such as IT, audit, accountancy, IT, tax including VAT, etc.**

Grant Thornton, Beven Brittan, Bramble Hut

- b. The sum of money paid to those firms in the course of delivering the required service relating to setting up new or expanding the use of extant SubCos.**

£104,763

- 3. The number of person hours of time that your trust staff put into scoping out possible actions the trust could make in response to Sir James' announcement as cited above, including time spent working on compiling a business case for the creation of or expansion of SubCos.**

This wasn't timed hourly rate pieces of work; these were specific commissioned consultancy items.