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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012690 – Diagnostic Imaging

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the information set out below in respect of Diagnostic Imaging (DI) at your Trust for the FY 2014/15:

For each of the key Points of Delivery categories (just EL, SSEL, NEL, SSNEL, DC and OP), the numbers and types (e.g. CT/MR/PET-CT/endoscopy) of DIs performed per Primary Diagnosis (ICD) and the number of patients so investigated in that ICD category.

We would only need the first three characters of the Primary Diagnosis code (e.g. C00 to D49 for Neoplasms).

The Trust does not hold a central electronic reporting system that holds the information you have requested to enable it to provide this information.

Information can be extracted on the exams which were performed during 14/15 and split by Imaging Modality and Patient Class. However, we cannot say why the scan was requested or the resulting diagnosis, without clinical interpretation of both the scan and possibly other diagnostic tests.

Only Inpatient Spells would receive an ICD10 code and there is no direct link between the diagnoses of an Inpatient Spell and the diagnostic tests performed during that spell