

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

Freedom of Information request 016554

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Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding outsourcing for image reporting services.

Image reporting refers to the reading and interpretation of scans, mainly for diagnostic purposes.

Tele-radiology refers to the practice of a radiologist interpreting medical images whilst not physically present in the location where the image generation has taken place

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the senior officer responsible for outsourced image reporting contracts.

For questions 2 through 7, please supply the following information for the financial years 2018/19 to 2021/22, and where possible, projected figures for 2022/23

2. If the Trust makes use of tele-radiology reporting services, please provide the names of the providers of each service (on-call and routine reporting separately) - **4WAYS**

3. If the Trust makes use of tele-radiology reporting services, please provide the annual volumes for the above years sent to each provider, split into the following:

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23 (Apr to Dec)
a	3757	4368	5293	6972	9417
b	11563	14880	6161	16179	9127
c	13305	35196	35153	52292	34277

4. Were each of the Trust's current contracts procured via a framework (direct award, which framework?), mini-tender, or ITT procurement process?

5. During each year, how much did the Trust spend with each of the following suppliers for the image reporting of radiology cases:

- a) Medica
- b) Everlight
- c) 4ways
- d) TMC, Telemedicine Clinic, or Unilabs
- e) DMC, Dulwich Medical Centre

f) Other providers

Questions 4 & 5 please see table below

6. Please provide contract values for each framework/contract – the contract value will be the value spent that is provided in the sheet. We don't have a specific agreed contract value, it is based on the number of reports sent.

7. Please provide the start date and duration of the framework - Please see table below

8. What are the Trust's average cost per scan of outsourcing to private providers, split into the following:

- a) Overnight on-call (8pm-9am)
- b) Elective reporting (MRI, CT)
- c) Plain film reporting

The release of detailed information specifically relating to cost per scan could have a prejudicial impact on the Trust. Therefore the Trust wishes to use Freedom of Information exemption section 43 (2) Commercial Interests (where Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)).

Any payments over £25,000 are published on the Trust's website [Transparency: spend over £25,000 - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust \(dgft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.dgft.nhs.uk/transparency/spend-over-25000). There is information on these reports of monthly payments made to some of the suppliers listed above.

	1819	1920	2021	2122	2223 (APR-NOV)	2223 pro rata	Framework Detail	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Process
Medica	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NHS Shared Business Se	14/06/2022	13/06/2024	Direct award
Everlight	285,928.21	326,965.17	391,364.08	508,937.97	375,724.69	563,587.04	HealthTrust Europe	01/01/2022	31/12/2023	Competitive review of pricing
4ways	419,326.80	578,360.54	735,796.32	1,162,422.41	747,134.18	1,120,701.27	HealthTrust Europe	01/11/2021	30/10/2023	Competitive review of pricing
TMC, Telemedicine Clinic, or Unilabs	0.00	11,145.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	HealthTrust Europe	01/11/2021	31/10/2022	Competitive review of pricing supported by
DMC, Dulwich Medical Centre	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Other providers	66,338.16	158,443.12	136,099.20	239,442.20	121,206.24	181,809.36				
Total	773,412.17	1,076,834.03	1,265,280.60	1,912,924.58	1,244,065.11	1,866,097.67				