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Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

Please see attached word document

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**

1. Do you currently have a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in place? (Y/N) - YES

2. If the answer to question 1 is yes:

Is the CDC operated in-house or by a third-party?

If the CDC is operated by a third-party, which partner(s) are involved in the operation of the CDC?

- COMBINATION
- US MANAGED IN HOUSE
- DEXA MANAGED IN HOUSE
- PLAIN X-RAY IN HOUSE
- CT & MRI THIRD PARTY
- PHLEBOTOMY IN HOUSE

3. If the answer to question 1 is no: - N/A

Are you exploring the option of setting up a CDC? (Y/N)

If the answer to question 3a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N)

4. How many of the following scanners do you currently operate within your Trust?

		Total number excluding those located within your CDC(s)	Number located within your CDC(s) [if applicable]
# scanners	MRI	3	1
	CT	3	1

5. Have you used a mobile MRI or CT service (that you operate or a third-party operates) in the last three years? (Y/N) - YES

6. If the answer to question 5 is yes:

a) Approximately how many scans were undertaken on mobile scanners in the years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23?

		MRI	CT
Mobile service used in the last three years? (Y/N)			
Approximate total # scans undertaken on a mobile scanner by year	2020/21	0	0
	2021/22	5200	7200
	2022/23	5200	7200

b) Why have you used mobile scanning services over the last three years (please select all that apply)?

Reason	CT	MRI
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Interim capacity	To provide interim scanning capacity during the installation of new scanners/ replacement of scanners within a hospital setting (Y/N)		
	To provide interim scanning capacity during the set-up of Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) (Y/N)	Y	Y
Routine ad-hoc additional capacity	To provide ad-hoc additional overflow capacity at times of high demand (Y/N)		
Routine ongoing additional capacity	To provide ongoing additional capacity in a hospital setting		
	To provide ongoing additional capacity in a community setting (Y/N)		
Other (please specify) [free text]			

e) If you are using mobile scanning services to provide routine ongoing additional capacity, what is the primary reason for using a mobile service rather than installing a static scanner within your Trust/CDC?

	MRI	CT
Lacking sufficient capital budget to acquire a new scanner (Y/N)	Y	Y
There isn't enough space to install an additional permanent scanner (Y/N)		
Scan volumes are not high enough to make the purchase of an additional scanner cost-effective (Y/N)		
Other (please specify)	Staffing	Staffing

d) Do you use any third-party providers for the provision of MRI or CT mobile scanning services and, if so, which providers and do they provide services for your CDC(s) as well (if applicable)?

	Provider name	Provide mobile MRI services (Y/N)	Provide mobile CT services (Y/N)	Provide mobile MRI or CT services within your CDC(s) (if applicable); (Y/N)
Provider 1	Cobalt	N	N	Y
[Add more if required]				