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Ref: FOI-000341

Date: 21/9/23

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

The subject of my request is outsourced radiology reporting via 'teleradiology' companies of CTs, X-rays, MRIs, PET-CT and any other diagnostic scans.

Q1. So far in 2023 have you outsourced any scans to teleradiology providers for reporting? If so, which providers?

Q2. Which company would you consider (by volume of scans or frequency used) your emergency/out of hours reporting provider(s)?
(If more than one company, please outline the nature of how both companies are used (i.e., different hospitals, weekends and weekdays, different types of scans)).

Q3. By the same measure as Q2, which would you consider your primary/main elective/non-emergency reporting provider(s)?

Q4. For any providers not listed in Q's 2 and 3, please could you briefly describe what you utilise this provider for?

Q5. Please could you provide the contract end dates for any contracts you hold with the providers listed in the answers to the above questions?
(If the contract is rolling or does not have a fixed end date, please could you confirm the notice period/terms of terminating the contract?)

Questions 1 to 5

The Trust has received other requests on the same subject matter as listed above, can we therefore ask in the first instance, you check out our disclosure log of previous FOI requests for the information you have requested. Please click [here](#) to access our disclosure log on our website and use the search box to enter key words such as 'teleradiology or radiology', reference 000240 will also be useful for you.

The Trust therefore considers the information you have requested is reasonably accessible by other means as per section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act.

If, after looking at previous responses you feel these do not answer your request, could you please refine your request and advise what other information you require which you have not been able to locate.

Please note, when searching for a response by word on the disclosure log all FOI requests that were logged from 1/4/23 will show on the first page onwards and any FOI requests that were logged up until 31/3/23 will be shown on the last pages of the disclosure log. This is due to a new database and numbering system being deployed.

Q6. Are the Trust currently in an open tender exercise for any radiology reporting contracts/services? If so, what services are being reviewed (emergency/out of hours and/or elective/non-emergency)? - No

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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

Yours sincerely

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