

Our Ref: 204
February 2024

Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please find the relevant questions listed below.

I would be grateful if you could send me your responses at your earliest convenience within the statutory 20 working day period. If anything is unclear, please do let me know and I will try to clarify.

Kind regards,

Sarah Nathan

1. Has your Trust used any outsourced MRI or CT radiology reporting services over the last three years?
[Yes](#)
2. If the answer to Question 1 is yes, how much did you spend on outsourced radiology reporting in the last three years? [Commercially sensitive due to current tender process](#)
[We are applying Section 43\(2\), under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exempts disclosure of information which is prejudicial to commercial interests. If details of the annual amount paid were disclosed into the public domain, this information would constitute a risk to the commercial interests as the provision of such information may / could provide other suppliers of similar software with an unfair commercial advantage in any on-going and future NHS procurement exercises.](#)
[It is important to appreciate that a disclosure to a request from a single applicant is not viewed in law as a disclosure to just that person, but a release of information into the public domain which when released cannot be reclaimed or rolled back. Hence, we feel that the risk is significant that release of such information would be likely to prejudice commercial interests](#)

	Outsourced MRI reporting spend	Outsourced CT reporting spend
2023/24		
2022/23		
2021/22		

3. Please provide the following information on the diagnostic radiographer workforce, as it pertains to the full diagnostic radiographer workforce at the Trust, as well as those involved in the CT / MRI service:
 - a. How many permanent diagnostic radiographer WTE are employed by the Radiography/Imaging department?
 - b. How many permanent vacancies are currently open/unfilled within the Radiography/Imaging department for diagnostic radiographers?
 - c. How many permanent diagnostic radiographers left the Trust in the last twelve months?

	All diagnostic radiographers	Within which: CT / MRI radiographers
Current permanent WTE	103.34	30.62
Current vacancies (WTE)	4.31	0

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Turnover (last 12 months, WTE)	15	4
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4. Do you currently have a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in place? (Y/N) **No**
5. If the answer to question 4 is yes:
 - a. Is the CDC operated in-house, in collaboration with another Trust or by a third-party?
 - b. If the CDC is operated by a third-party or in collaboration with another Trust, which partner(s) are involved in the operation of the CDC?
 - c. Are you exploring the option of setting up further CDCs? (Y/N)
 - d. If the answer to 5c is yes, when are you planning to do so?
6. If the answer to question 4 is no:
 - a. Are you exploring the option of setting up a CDC? (Y/N) **Yes**
 - b. If the answer to 6a is yes, when are you planning to do so? **2025**
 - c. If the answer to question 6a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N) **Yes**