

Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

The details we require are:

Have you in the last 12 months contracted with an independent provider to provide community diagnostics, including mobile diagnostic solutions (CT scans /MRI scans /US/XRAYS etc)? (All community diagnostics contracts within the last 12 months.)

yes

Do you have an independent provider on patch for community diagnostics? (Pure diagnostics and not a component of a contract)

Yes

If so, who are the providers and which areas of the ICB do they cover?

Non Obstetrics Ultrasound – Managed Health Care and Globe Locums
MRI scanning – Managed Health Care
Audiology - Scrivens
Nerve conduction – Managed Health Care
Mobile MRI and CT scanning - Compleo
Tele Radiology - Everlight

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - only

Which diagnostic services went through procurement and which were a direct award?

Procurement

Non Obstetrics Ultrasound – Globe Locums
Audiology - Scrivens
Mobile MRI and CT scanning - Compleo
Tele Radiology – Everlight

Direct award

Non Obstetrics Ultrasound – Managed Health Care
MRI scanning – Managed Health Care
Nerve conduction – Managed Health Care

Actual spend on each contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date and annually

Annual spend

Non Obstetrics Ultrasound – Managed Health Care

- Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 02/12/2024 - 31/03/2025

Non Obstetrics Ultrasound - Globe Locums

- Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 24/02/2025 – 23/02/2026

MRI scanning – Managed Health Care

- Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 03/06/2024 - 31/03/2025

Audiology – Scrivens

- Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 22/07/2024 – 21/07/2025

Nerve conduction – Managed Health Care

- Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025

Mobile MRI and CT scanning – Compleo

- Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 01/07/2024 – 31/03/2025

Tele Radiology – Everlight

- Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 01/08/2019 - 31/07/2025

Start date & duration of /contract/award?

Non Obstetrics Ultrasound – Managed Health Care

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- 02/12/2024 - 31/03/2025

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Diagnostic contract due to expire in next 24months, if so which provider and value of contract?

As above

Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?

NA – there is no one specification that fits all,

Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?

Non Obstetrics Ultrasound – Managed Health Care

- • Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 02/12/2024 - 31/03/2025 – option to extend not taken

Non Obstetrics Ultrasound - Globe Locums

- • Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 24/02/2025 – 23/02/2026 – Option to extend 6 months + 6 Month

MRI scanning – Managed Health Care

- • Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 03/06/2024 - 31/03/2025 option to extend for 6 mth + 6mth

Audiology – Scrivens

- • Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 22/07/2024 – 21/07/2025 no extension option

Nerve conduction – Managed Health Care

- • Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025 – no extension taken

Mobile MRI and CT scanning – Compleo

- • Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 01/07/2024 – 31/03/2025 – no extension

Tele Radiology – Everlight

- • Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2) See exemption below
- 01/08/2019 - 31/07/2025 two year extension – 12 mths taken

Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

See above

Costs Commercially Sensitive Section 43(2)

We regret to inform you that we are unable to provide the information you have requested.

Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows for information to be exempt from disclosure if it constitutes a trade secret or would likely prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Explanation of the Exemption:

Section 43(2) states:

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)

We have determined that the release of the requested information would likely prejudice the commercial interests of Veolia.

Contract Information Covered Under Exemption:

1. Pricing and Cost Information

This includes detailed pricing models, value of contracts currently in place, cost breakdowns, profit margins, and other sensitive financial data. Disclosure of this information would

allow competitors to undercut our pricing strategies and would result in significant competitive harm to our business operations.

Justification

- **Likelihood of Competitive Harm:** The release of this information would cause substantial harm to Veolia by enabling competitors to gain insight into our pricing, business strategies, and proprietary technologies. Such disclosure would erode our market position and affect our ability to compete effectively.
- **Voluntary Submission:** In cases where the information was submitted voluntarily (e.g., as part of a bid or proposal), it was provided with the understanding that it would not be publicly disclosed, and doing so would violate the confidentiality of that arrangement.
- **Commercial Sensitivity:** The information in the identified sections is not publicly available and has been protected from disclosure to ensure the commercial success of the business.

Public Interest Test:

Although Section 43 is a qualified exemption and requires a public interest test, we have conducted this test and concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. While we recognize the importance of transparency, in this case, the need to protect sensitive commercial information is paramount.

Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this/these contract/s?

I can confirm that Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital does hold the names, emails and telephone contacts for the departments requested. Any available names and contacts for the staff structure chart attached

The provision of these contact details **does not** imply consent for unsolicited correspondence on your part. As per Section 122 of the Data Protection Act 2018, **permission is not given** to use these details for unsolicited contact. **Right to prevent processing for purposes of direct marketing.**

S122 (5) direct marketing” means the communication (by whatever means) of advertising or marketing material which is directed to a particular individual.

The rest of our employees' names and contact information is exempt under section 40 (2) as explained below

Exempt information under section 40(2) (personal information) of the FOIA

Names, job titles (other than those on our Staff Structure Chart) and email addresses constitute personal data.

Section 40(2) provides that personal data is exempt information if one of the conditions set out in section 40(3) is satisfied. In our view, disclosure of this information would breach the data protection principles contained in the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018

In reaching this decision, we have particularly considered:

- the reasonable expectations of the employees given their positions;
- these individuals are not in public facing roles and have an expectation that their names and direct contact details will not be put into the public domain. It would be unfair for us to disclose their details and would contravene the first data protection principle.
- the consequences of disclosure; and
- any legitimate public interest in disclosure.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and therefore not subject to the public interest test.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>