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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1. Does your trust use any AI software within radiology? If so could you please specify programme and its application?**

Brainomix - creation of AI-powered imaging biomarkers.

- 2. If you use AI software within radiology - how often do/would you update, upgrade or swap them?**

The systems are updated in line with the manufacturer guidelines for updates and patching. Replacement systems would be assessed and considered in a formal procurement process at the end of contract term for each separate piece of software.

- 3. What is the decision-making criteria of choosing which AI software to use?**

Any system purchased is assessed against other market competitors through a procurement process which assesses its clinical functionality, compliance with standards & information governance requirements, compliance with IT infrastructure requirements, and cost.

- 4. Do you make purchasing decision on your own and if not, what are the other stakeholders involved?**

Some systems are purchased by the Trust as an individual asset; others are procured on a regional basis (consortium of Trusts, ICS level, imaging network level etc.). The contracting authority is dependent on the group involved.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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