

FOI REF: 24/224

10th April 2024

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) **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?**

	Outsourced MRI reporting spend	Outsourced CT reporting spend
2023/24	107,125	1,522,904
2022/23	87,239	1,573,550
2021/22	126,931	1,544,384

- 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?**

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	All diagnostic radiographers	Within which: CT / MRI radiographers
Current permanent WTE	116	36.9
Current vacancies (WTE)	21.6	It is not possible to calculate this data as this is not defined on our system
Turnover (last 12 months, WTE)	4.1%	Please see above

4) Do you currently have a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in place? (Y/N)

Yes.

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?

In-house.

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?

We subcontract elements of the service to Medical Imaging Partnership.

c) Are you exploring the option of setting up further CDCs? (Y/N)

No.

d) If the answer to 5c is yes, when are you planning to do so?

Not applicable.

6) If the answer to question 4 is no:

Not applicable.

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

b) If the answer to 6a is yes, when are you planning to do so?

c) If the answer to question 6a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N)

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

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