



FOI REF: 24/323

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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:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding your NHS Trust's operations and tele reporting services including Out of Hours, routine, emergency and Backlog etc. for the following hospitals;

**Conquest Hospital
Eastbourne District General Hospital**

1. Could you please provide me with the following details:

1.1 Operations Director for your Trust and email address

David Garrett
Divisional Director of Operations for Core Services

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

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1.2 Radiology/Imaging Operations Director/Manager and email addresses

Nansi Botros
Head of Radiology

Section 44 applied, please see above.

1.3 Pathology Operations/services Director/Manager and email addresses

Shinal Amin
Principal Biomedical Scientist

Section 44 applied, please see above.

2. Tele reporting services – Outsourced and insourced:

2.1 Do you have any Tele Reporting contracts for your Imaging Services i.e. X-Ray, CT MRI Nuclear Medicine etc.

CT, MRI, X-Ray	Medica
CT and MRI for imaging and reporting	Medical Imaging Partnership

2.2 Date (MM/YYYY) When you entered into the contract for these Services

Medica	18/01/2021
Medical Imaging Partnership	01/05/2023

2.3 When the contract expires (MM/YYYY)

Medica	04/01/2025
Medical Imaging Partnership	30/04/2025

2.4 Value of contract, at contract start date (£GBP)

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice commercial interests of third parties. This is because release of the information could be detrimental to their competitive position in the market.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that sharing commercials could disadvantage the incumbent supplier against their competitors. The information could provide competitors with the suppliers pricing, which could result in these suppliers obtaining a competitive advantage which could result in the Trust not obtaining best value for money.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

2.5 Suppliers details for said contract/s.

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by the following link:

[Medica | Telehealth, Teleradiology & Telepathology Services](#)

medicalimaging.org.uk

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

2.6 Do you have any Tele Reporting contracts for your Pathology Services i.e. Cellular, Histopathology, Mortuary etc.

Histopathology and Cellular services is the same service and use telerreporting. We do not have telerreporting in the mortuary.

2.7 Date (MM/YYYY) When you entered into the contract for these Services

LDPATH	1st July 2023
Diagnexia	2nd March 2023
Source Bioscience	1st April 2023

2.8 When the contract expires (MM/YYYY)

LDPATH	30th June 2024
Diagnexia	31st September 2024
Source Bioscience	30th June 2024

2.9 Value of contract, at contract start date (£GBP)

Section 43(2) applied, please see above.

2.10 Suppliers details for said contract/s.

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by the following link:

[LDPATH - The Home of Digital Pathology](#)

[The Difference is Diagnexia](#)

[Laboratory Services | Molecular Diagnostics | Company \(sourcebioscience.com\)](#)

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Additionally, please include any bespoke (joint imaging and Pathology) reporting services you utilise.

No bespoke reporting services used in Pathology.

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
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