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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. Do you outsource any of the following services (please clarify whether static or mobile)?

a. MRI

No.

b. CT

No.

c. Cardiac catheterisation lab

No.

2. If so, who is the provider of the respective service?

Not applicable.

3. Have the Trust entered into any arrangements with private sector providers to deliver any elements of their Community Diagnostic Centre?

We use Medical Imaging Partnership to provide a CT and MRI service at the Community Diagnostic Centre.

4. If so, which elements, how long is the contract and what is the total contract value?

Elements - CT and MRI.

Contract Length - MIP contract length is for 3 years.

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Section 17 Notice of Refusal

Under Section FOIA Section 1 (1) (a) The Trust would confirm that it does hold the information requested in respect of contract value, however, 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 its commercial interests.

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.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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