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Our Ref: MB/SS FOI 4449

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4449

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 10th September 2020.

Your request was as follows:

1. Do you outsource source any diagnostic clinical services, if so which services?

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\) only outsource some scanning if equipment is being replaced.](#)

2. Do you have any contracts with diagnostic outsourcing companies? (Please provide name of company, outsourcing services provided and current length of contract)

[No.](#)

3. Do you have any previous contracts with diagnostic outsourcing companies that you no longer commission? (Please Provide name of company, outsourcing services provided and length of contract)

[WCFT has previously had contracts with the following outsourcing companies:](#)

- [Alliance Medical - MRI mobile scanner 5 months \(scanner replacement project\)](#)
- [Inhealth - MRI mobile scanner approx. 6 weeks \(scanner replacement project\)](#)

4. How are the services charged for by the service provider per patient/per tariff?

[WCFT are charged per tariff.](#)

5. Are you currently being charged below, on or above NHS tariff?

[N/A - WCFT have no outsourcing currently.](#)

6. Do you use substantively employed Trust staff to delivery all or part of the insourced service? (please provide examples if any, of non- substantively paid services)

[If WCFT do any insourced extra activity it is done by substantively employed staff.](#)

7. please provide the nature of services provided (For instance: mobile diagnostic centre, lease of equipment, hire of a full team model plus equipment)

[MRI mobile scanning.](#)



The total number of procedures completed by each supplier (named) in the following categories:

- X-ray
- MRI
- CT Scan
- Ultra-sound
- Other Radiology (Please specify)
- All Other (Please specify)

• MRI only

Alliance Medical

- 15/16 - 291
- 16/17 - zero
- 17/18 - zero
- 18/19 - 1208

Inhealth

- 19/20 - 534

9. Please provide the total spend on each supplier (please specify) per service area (please specify)

- 15/16 - £44,820
- 16/17 - zero
- 17/18 - zero
- 18/19 - £201,598.80
- 19/20 - £65,375

10. Please give an annual breakdown per annum of outsourcing services per service area:

- 15/16
- 16/17
- 17/18
- 18/19

• 19/20

• MRI only

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- 16/17 - zero



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Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4449 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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