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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5510

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 03rd January 2023.

Your request was as follows:

Tele-radiology refers to the practice of a radiologist interpreting medical images whilst not physically present in the location where the image generation has taken place

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the senior officer responsible for outsourced image reporting contracts.

For questions 2 through 7, please supply the following information for the financial years 2018/19 to 2021/22, and where possible, projected figures for 2022/23

2. If the Trust makes use of tele-radiology reporting services, please provide the names of the providers of each service (on-call and routine reporting separately)

3. If the Trust makes use of tele-radiology reporting services, please provide the annual volumes for the above years sent to each provider, split into the following:

- a) Overnight on-call (8pm-9am)
- b) Elective reporting (MRI, CT)
- c) Plain film reporting

4. Were each of the Trust's current contracts procured via a framework (direct award, which framework?), mini-tender, or ITT procurement process?

5. During each year, how much did the Trust spend with each of the following suppliers for the image reporting of radiology cases:

- a) Medica
- b) Everlight
- c) 4ways
- d) TMC, Telemedicine Clinic, or Unilabs
- e) DMC, Dulwich Medical Centre
- f) Other providers

6. Please provide contract values for each framework/contract

7. Please provide the start date and duration of the framework
8. What are the Trust's average cost per scan of outsourcing to private providers, split into the following:
 - a) Overnight on-call (8pm-9am)
 - b) Elective reporting (MRI, CT)
 - c) Plain film reporting

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested, as the Trust do not use Tele-radiology services. Therefore, we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5510 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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