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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6248

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 27th March 2024.

Your request was as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding Radiology and Tele-Radiology outsourcing conducted by your Trust. The information I seek is detailed below:

1. Total Radiology scans (X-ray, CT, MRI etc.) conducted by the Trust during 2022 and 2023,
 - a. Total during 2022.
 - b. Total during 2023

[Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet.](#)

2. Total Radiology scans conducted by the Trust during 2022 and 2023, broken down by body part (Breast, Chest, MSK etc),
 - a. Breakdown for 2022
 - b. Breakdown for 2023

[Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet.](#)

3. Total Radiology scans conducted by the Trust during 2022 and 2023, broken down by body part (Breast, Chest, MSK etc), further broken down by type (CT, MRI etc.). i.e. Breast CT, Chest MRI etc.
 - a. Breakdown for 2022
 - b. Breakdown for 2023

[Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet.](#)

4. Total number of Radiology work outsourced to Private Radiology Companies during 2022 and 2023,
 - a. Total during 2022
 - b. Total during 2023

[I can confirm the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust do not outsource to Private Radiology Companies.](#)

5. Total number of Radiology work outsourced to Private Radiology Companies during 2022 and 2023 by body part (Breast, Chest, MSK etc.),

a. Total during 2022

b. Total during 2023

N/A

6. Total number of Radiology work outsourced to Private Radiology Companies during 2022 and 2023 by their classification (routine, emergency, complex etc.),

a. Total during 2022

b. Total during 2023

N/A

7. Total spend in £ for outsourced Radiology work to Private Radiology Companies during 2022 and 2023,

a. Total during 2022

b. Total during 2023

N/A

8. List the Private Radiology Companies worked with during 2022 and 2023 and their individual spend,

a. Total during 2022 by Company

b. Total during 2023 by Company

N/A

9. Who is the person responsible for authorising the outsourcing of tele radiology within the Trust and what is their job title?

N/A

10. Does the Radiology within the Trust belong to part of a Radiology network in the region, and what is the name of that network?

The WCFT are part of the Cheshire and Mersey Radiology Imaging network (CAMRIN)

11. Does the Trust share its Radiology services with any other Trusts?

The WCFT do not share our radiology services but do provide a regional thrombectomy service on a treat and transfer model.

12. Does your Trust adhere to a Framework for outsourced Tele-Radiology? If so, which ones?

N/A

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

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6248 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 by:

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Yours sincerely

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