

FOI 3436

28th November 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. How much was spent by the authority on outsourced radiology reporting in the following two periods:

- the financial year 2024/25

Response:

£2,673,000

- the six months from 1st April 2025 to 30th September 2025

Response:

£1,450,000

2. For each of these periods, please state the amount spent with each of the following suppliers:

- Everlight Radiology

- Four Ways

- Medica

- Telemedicine Clinic (TMC)

- Dulwich Medical Centre

- Hexarad

- Other (please provide the name or names)

Response:

In accordance with Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Law enforcement – the prevention or detection of crime, such information is exempt from disclosure.

We believe that putting this information into the public domain would make the Trust more vulnerable to cyber-attacks. The public interest in maintaining the security of our systems

and providing safe health and social care to our patients/clients outweighs the public interest in disclosure of this information.

3. Has the authority formally tendered these services within the past 5 years?

Response:

No.

4. If the answer to 3 is yes, please provide the following information

- When was the tender awarded
- Was it awarded to a single supplier, and if so which
- What is the duration of the contract, with optional extension periods
- Was the contract split into lots, for example non urgent routine reporting, and urgent out of hours reporting

Response:

n/a

5. Which suppliers of radiology reporting services currently have bi-directional access to the authority's patient record systems to allow access to patient records and input of radiology reports.

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6. Does the risk of cyber attack as a result of providing the access described in 5 appear on the trust risk register and what level of risk rating is it given

Response:

No

7. Is the trust able to split the spend stated in response to question 1 into: urgent reporting (such as the Medica Nighthawk service for A&E patients); and routine backlog reporting. If so, please provide this split

Response:

No, collating the divide between urgent and Routine would exceed 18 hours.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.



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Unfortunately we are unable to provide the information you have requested as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. To obtain this information would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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