

FOI 3671

2nd April 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Does the Trust currently outsource any MRI imaging to the private sector?

Response:

Yes

If yes, please enter Yes/No to all that apply to include number e.g., x2 mobile MRI units, or x1 mobile and x1 relocatable etc., contract start, contract expiry, and budget allocated:

Response:

Option		Yes or No	Quantity	Contract Start	Contract Expiry	Budget Allocated
A	Mobile/relocatable MRI scanner only	NO				
B	Mobile/relocatable MRI scanner plus clinical staff	Yes	1	05.07.2023	31.03.2026 option to extend for further 18mths which has been utilised therefore 30.09.2027	No specific budget allocated
C	Staffing only	Yes	1	12.12.2025	31.03.2026, therefore now ceased	Slippage from vacant posts
D	Referral to a private hospital/imaging centre	Yes	Unknown	25/05/2023	24/05/2027 – (including Extension period	No specific allocated budget – depends on SPPG

						available funds
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Does the Trust currently outsource any CT imaging to the private sector?

Response:

Yes

If yes, please enter Yes/No to all that apply to include number e.g., x2 mobile CT units, or x1 mobile and x1 relocatable etc., contract start, contract expiry, and budget allocated:

Response:

Option		Yes or No	Quantity	Contract Start	Contract Expiry	Budget Allocated
A	Mobile/relocatable CT scanner only	no				
B	Mobile/relocatable CT scanner plus clinical staff	no				
C	Staffing only	no				
D	Referral to a private hospital/imaging centre	yes	X 2 companies	First company – 29/07/2024 Second Company – 25.05.2023	31.03.2026 therefore now ceased 24/05/2027	No specific allocated budget – depends on SPPG available funds

Who is the responsible person within the Trust for managing radiology to include patient waiting lists? Please provide name and email address.

Response:

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