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Date Received: 25th October 2023

Response Due: 22nd November 2023

Date: 16th January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 25th October 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we partially hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Please provide answers on the attached and accompanying Excel spreadsheet.

Note we are only interested in collecting information relevant to standalone diagnostic machines installed across the NHS Trust across the following modalities: A) X-Ray (mobile and static) (B) CT (C) MRI and (D) Ultrasound. We are not interested in collecting information about ancillary components you may have installed such as stands / tables / collimators etc.

- 1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the senior officer(s) responsible for procuring diagnostic equipment and maintenance services in the NHS Trust**

For capital expenditure the approvals are by committee and our medical director is chair. Lease procurement will be managed operationally within Divisions and Directorates.

The Trust does not routinely give out email addresses and direct telephone numbers of staff members as a large number of unsolicited emails/telephone calls could cause disruption to work by blocking email accounts/telephone lines and thereby preventing true work-related emails/calls from being delivered. However, any of the above staff can be contacted via main switchboard on 01942 244000.

2. For each of the following modalities (A) X-Ray (B) CT (C) MRI and (D) Ultrasound, please provide an inventory of the machines installed across the NHS Trust, specifying:
- a) The name of the device manufacturer and supplier (if different to manufacturer)
 - b) The date of manufacture
 - c) The date of installation
 - d) The equipment age
 - e) The planned replacement date
 - f) The name of the maintenance and repair provider
 - g) The start and end date of the warranty period
 - h) The procurement route used to purchase the device*
 - i) Procurement contract start and end date (if applicable)
 - j) Maintenance and servicing agreement start and end date

*E.g. Direct purchase; Procurement framework (please specify name e.g., NHS supply chain); Lease finance; Managed Equipment Service (MED); Third party joint-venture; Commercial loan finance.

Please see the attached document.

Refusal Notice for question(s) - The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act because it will take more than 18 hours to retrieve and extract the relevant information.

The volume and complexity of each request which require validation, in addition to cross-checking The Trust would need to undertake an iterative process to determine which device the data matches to and this would essentially be a manual process by checking every contract to find the match. The volume and complexity of each request which require validation, in addition to cross-checking would take over the legal time frame of 18 hours.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Hazel Hendriksen
Director of Operations and Performance

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111