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Date: 26th July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Please could you supply me with the following information:

Are you currently contracting an independent provider to provide a managed service for MRI?

No, we do not operate a service according to the exact definition below, however, we do operate a commissioned third-party MR scanning service. For clarity, the Trust commissions a service based upon a time allocation. The staff working on the equipment are employees of Alliance Medical Limited but have been issued with Trust honorary contracts to reflect the fact that the staff operate according to Trust policies and procedures in respect of scan acquisition. The Trust has operation responsibility to schedule and report the examinations scheduled on the scanner. The Trust has the control over scheduling therefore the case mix is dictated by the Trust, and this reflects current demand. The complexity and length of scans undertaken on the scanner varies considerably therefore the contract is based upon a time allocation rather than a patient/exam number allocation which provides greater operational flexibility.

Definition: A contract between the Trust and a third-party organisation to install and operate, with its own radiographic staff, an MRI scanner or scanners within the hospital with a fee per patient or per scanned patient area.

If the answer to question above is yes

a) Was the contract agreed after a formal procurement process? Where was it advertised?

Yes, NHSSC in 2019.

b) Was it commissioned via a procurement framework? If so, which one?

Yes, NHSSC.

c) What are the start and end dates of the contract?

Contract start date - 31.03.2019.

Contract end date – 31.03.2023

d) Is there a contractual mechanism for the Trust to extend the contract? If so, what is the process used to extend the term and what was the term of the extension?

No.

e) Please provide the total annual cost (previous 12-months) to the Trust for the MRI and/ managed MRI service

£637,383

f) Please provide details of the number of patients scanned under this contract in the last twelve months.

9083 exams.

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
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