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Response Due: 3rd May 2023

Date: 2nd May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

1. Please provide information for the following financial years, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/, for the respective diagnostic imaging data:

a. Volumes of CT, MRI and PET CT scans, split by scan type performed.

Please find attached spreadsheet.

b. The volume MRI, CT and PET CT scans, split by scan type and which providers you outsource the scans too.

Please find attached spreadsheet.

c. Please provide outsourcing price per scan split by CT, MRI and PET CT

Section 43(2) - Commercial interests.

(2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and subject to the prejudice test and the public interest test. Under the prejudice test we have to consider if disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice our commercial interests or the commercial interests of a third party.

Consideration is also given to the harm disclosing this information would be likely to cause, combined with other information already in the public domain (mosaic effect) or possibly released at a future date (precedent effect). The public interest test considers and balances the public interest in disclosing this information against the public interest in not disclosing this information and uses this assessment to decide whether there is sufficient justification in withholding this information under this exemption.

Information disclosed under the FOIA is considered to be public information, and while there is a presumption towards disclosure, consideration needs to be given as to who will have access to this information beyond the requestor and the purposes for which they could use the information.

2. Can you please provide details of all the current CT, MRI and PET CT outsourcing contracts you currently have in place, can you please include the following data where possible:

a. Scan modality

MRI

b. Contract length

29/04/2019 – 31/03/2025

c. Agreed pricing and volumes.

£2,050 per day / scanning an average number of 17 - 20 patients per day.

d. KPI or performance metrics and any data on how they are performing.

The performance of the service is managed according to the availability of the asset based upon the principle that the service will scan patients on a 12-hour template. Some of this time will be used for daily QA and turn on-off procedures. In-line with other imaging modalities the service would be expected to operate with 85% utilisation accounting for QA, routine and reactive maintenance and patient cancellation/DNAs. The volume of patients that are scanned on the asset is variable according to the complexity of the scan. The scanning activity is scheduled by the procuring trust which dictates the number of patients that are scanned within each session.

The contract is managed through regular management meetings to ensure the service is performing within the agreed levels. All patient safety and governance incidents have been managed with cooperation with both parties and there are no issues of concern. At present there are no issues pertaining to service performance or quality.

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 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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