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INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2022/399

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding outsourcing for image reporting services.

Image reporting refers to the reading and interpretation of scans, mainly for diagnostic purposes.

Tele-radiology refers to the practice of a radiologist interpreting medical images whilst not physically present in the location where the image generation has taken place

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the senior officer responsible for outsourced image reporting contracts.

For questions 2 through 7, please supply the following information for the financial years 2018/19 to 2021/22, and where possible, projected figures for 2022/23

2. If the Trust makes use of tele-radiology reporting services, please provide the names of the providers of each service (on-call and routine reporting separately)

3. If the Trust makes use of tele-radiology reporting services, please provide the annual volumes for the above years sent to each provider, split into the following:

4. Were each of the Trust's current contracts procured via a framework (direct award, which framework?), mini-tender, or ITT procurement process?

5. During each year, how much did the Trust spend with each of the following suppliers for the image reporting of radiology cases:

a) Medica b) Everlight c) 4ways d) TMC, Telemedicine Clinic, or Unilabs e) DMC, Dulwich Medical Centre f) Other providers

6. Please provide contract values for each framework/contract

7. Please provide the start date and duration of the framework

8. What are the Trust's average cost per scan of outsourcing to private providers, split into the following:

a) Overnight on-call (8pm-9am) b) Elective reporting (MRI, CT) c) Plain film reporting

I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

1. In accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office guidance on disclosure of data about employees, I consider the name and contact details of staff who are not at a high level of seniority to constitute their personal data, as defined by the UK General Data Protection Regulations. As such, this information is refused under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. TMC

3.

Glen Burley, Chief Executive
Russell Hardy, Chairman

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
a) Overnight on-call (8pm-9am)	N/A*	3390	3984	5400	N/A**
b) Elective reporting (MRI, CT)	N/A*	MRI – 4894 CT - 3411	MRI – 110 CT - 0	MRI – 531 CT - 182	N/A**
c) Plain film reporting	N/A*	5572	0	566	N/A**

*Due to the old reporting format, we do not hold this data as we did not record breakdowns.

**Please note we have not collected the 22/23 data yet.

4. Direct award

5.

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
TMC	£182,294	£ 710,774	£281,166	£360,318	N/A**

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6. We do not have a contract value, as we operate on a pay for reports when they are needed.

7. Open ended contract started 28/1/2014

8.a. £68.95

8.b. Ranges from £30 to £70 depending on body area

8.c. £6.50

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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