

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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You asked

Could you please provide responses to the following questions in relation to Radiology within the Trust / Health Board:

1. The name and email address of:

The Clinical Director that is responsible for Radiology

Dr Lucy McGavin - Service Line Clinical Director for Imaging
University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust
Medical Imaging Department
Level 6 Derriford Hospital
Plymouth PL6 8DH

The General Manager that is responsible for Radiology

No General Manager within department hierarchy

The Service Manager that is responsible for Radiology

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Please use the "Contact us" details above in the paragraph of this letter titled: For organisational context. An online form is provided for your convenience rather than supplying direct email addresses.

2. In the last 12 months, which external providers have you used for your Teleradiology Service?

Medica

3. Do you have a contract with an external provider of Teleradiology Services and, if so, which company is the contract with?

Medica - end date 31st March 2022 with the option to extend for a further two years.

4. **Did you procure the Teleradiology services via a tender process or Framework and, if so, which one?**

HTE Framework

5. **If you have a contract with an external provider of Teleradiology Services, when does it currently expire and when will it be reviewed?**

Please refer to question 3.

6. **If you have a contract with an external provider of Teleradiology Services, how much are you being charged per body part, for both MRI and CT routine and out of hours reporting?**

We are unable to disclose on the grounds of this being commercially sensitive. Please refer to the legal notes below.

7. **What has been the spend by the Trust/Health Board in the last 12 months on outsourced Teleradiology Services?**

£1,370,895.80 excluding VAT - Figure based on 01/06/2020 – 31/05/2021

8. **Does the Trust/Health Board currently require outsourced Teleradiology Services?**

Yes

Legal notes

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified by virtue of section 43.-(2) – the commercial interest exemption.

This is because we operate in the commercial market place under competitive market conditions. Under the terms of Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we consider that the release of answers to the cost enquiry above as exempt information. In that its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Under the terms of the Act “person” can include the public authority holding this information. Where Section 43(2) is engaged, it is important that the Trust considers potential commercial prejudice to themselves and, where applicable, commercial prejudice to third parties.

A commercial interest relates to the ability of the Trust to successfully participate in a commercial activity and the Trust feels that the disclosure of this potential procurement information would be commercially prejudicial as follows:

- To the ability of the Trust to achieve value for money, and
- To weaken the Trust's position in a competitive environment by revealing market sensitive information or information of potential usefulness to its competitors

If the Trust were to release such information it could damage its long term strategic business plans which may (or may not) include plans to enter or develop a new geographic market sector, or by releasing information relating to the preparation of any competitive bid.

Attachments included: No