



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-394

Date: 31st October 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 20th September 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding outsourced radiology

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I would like to request some information about your organisation under the FOI act. This request is related to a personal project related to my education.

The subject of my request is outsourced radiology reporting via 'teleradiology' companies of CTs, X-rays, MRIs, PET-CT and any other diagnostic scans.

Q1. So far in 2023 have you outsourced any scans to teleradiology providers for reporting? If so, which providers?

A1 Medica for CT and MRI

Q2 Which company would you consider (by volume of scans or frequency used) your emergency/out of hours reporting provider(s)? (If more than one company, please outline the nature of how both companies are used (i.e., different hospitals, weekends and weekdays, different types of scans)).

A2 Medica

Q3 By the same measure as Q2, which would you consider your primary/main elective/non-emergency reporting provider(s)?

A3 Medica

Q4 For any providers not listed in Q's 2 and 3, please could you briefly describe what you utilise this provider for?

A4 Not applicable

**Q5 Please could you provide the contract end dates for any contracts you hold with the providers listed in the answers to the above questions?
(If the contract is rolling or does not have a fixed end date, please could you confirm the notice period/terms of terminating the contract?)**

A5 See below:
Start date: 1st February 2021
End date: 1st February 2023 however in the contract there was an option to extend for 12 months which has been undertaken by the Trust.

Q6 Are the Trust currently in an open tender exercise for any radiology reporting contracts/services? If so, what services are being reviewed (emergency/out of hours and/or elective/non-emergency)?

A6 No

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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