



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-428

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Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 28th November 2021 (received into our office 29th November) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Outsourcing of Radiology.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) 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 Please can you send me the following information?**

**1. Do you outsource any of your Radiology Reporting?**

**a. If No; thank you for your time.**

**b. If Yes: what percentage of your reporting is outsourced?**

A1 Total number of outsourced reports 2021 (Jan 21 – Dec 21) = 13613 (CT, MRI and PF) (approximately 4% of all CT, MRI and PF examinations completed in 2021)

**Q2 Which modalities do you outsource and how many scans of each type do you send:**

- **MRI**
- **CT**
- **Plain film**
- **Mammography**
- **DEXA**
- **Please list other modalities if any**

A2 See below:

Total 2021 = 13613 of which:

- MRI = 3407
- CT = 7041
- Plain film = 3165
- Mammography -0

- DEXA – 0

**Q3 What was the value of the work that you outsourced during?**

- 2018/19
- 2019/20
- 2020/21

A3 Total cost for outsourcing is detailed below:

- 2018/19: £1,143,000
- 2019/20: £1,200,000
- 2020/21: £1,340,000

**Q4 Which suppliers do you currently use to carry out your outsourced reporting?**

A4 Medica is the only supplier that UHNM use for outsourcing Radiology reporting which covers both Royal Stoke and County Hospitals.

**Q5 Who is responsible for choosing teleradiology provision for the Trust?**

A5 All outsourcing is required to go through appropriate procurement frameworks. All appropriate paperwork and checks are undertaken with various sign off required in line with Trust Standing Financial Instruction (SFIs).

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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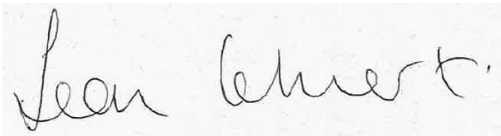
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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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,



Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**