



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-543

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8th November 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) Imaging equipment

On 29th November 2024 you contacted us via email with the following:
'Could I please request an update on the progress of the below freedom of information act requested below? Your reference 543-2425.'

We replied via email with:
Thank you for your email below, I have chased this for you, however, please be aware the FOI Act allows 20 working days to complete a request, the deadline for this one is 6th December

Q1 I am writing to request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for a listing describing all of the following Imaging equipment at any Hospitals and Community Diagnostic Centres within your Trust.

- **CT Scanners**
- **MRI Scanners**
- **Fluoroscopy / Interventional / Cardiac suites**

For each individual Imaging system within the Trust can you please provide the following information:

1. **Site location (Hospital name)**
2. **Location (Hospital department)**
3. **Manufacturer name**
4. **Model name**
5. **Whether the equipment has been purchased / leased / MES**
6. **Purchase year, or age of equipment in years if not new at purchase**
7. **Planned or expected replacement date**

I have attached a table for the information which may help with this request, however if not convenient which ever format is easier will be extremely helpful.

Could I also request the name of the Imaging Services Manager/Radiology Manager within your Trust please?

A1 Please see attached spread sheet and below.

Question 1.6 *answer*: The Trust has considered this Freedom of Information request and whether the release of information of this nature could then be used to compromise the Trust Information Systems. The Trust has concluded that, if such information was to be released- (age of systems), then this could potentially expose the Trust to risk of compromise. In turn, this could compromise the safety and security of patients and staff. In accordance with Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act, where it is considered that release of such information would expose the Trust to such risks then only information deemed to not pose a threat to the security of the Trust Information Systems will be released. The Trust therefore will not be responding to this question

Question 7 *answer*: MES equipment is replaced every 7 years and is planned, non-MES equipment is identified for replacement by a risk-based approach.

Could I also request the name of the Imaging Services Manager/Radiology Manager within your Trust please?

Answer. The Directorate Manager for Imaging is Preeta Varghese*. The Head of Imaging is Rob Gordon*.

*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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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.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are

still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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