

William Carr

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Dear Mr Carr

Further to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please find a response to your questions below.

Q1 Did your trust outsource the reporting of diagnostic images to any teleradiology companies over the past 5 years?

A1 Yes – we only outsource CT, and this has only been since 2017/18. Outsourcing began part way through the year.

Q2 If so, for each company, please provide the name of the teleradiology provider along with the information in the table below (where available).

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Company name	Fiscal Years (ending in March)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Amount spent on outsourced reporting (GBP)						
	Day-time reporting - Plain radiography	Information not held – not applicable				
Medica	Day-time reporting - CT	Information not held – not applicable			£550	£39,561
	Day-time reporting - MRI	Information not held – not applicable				
	Day-time reporting -	Information not held – not applicable				

	Nuclear medicine				
	Day-time reporting - PET	Information not held – not applicable			
	Day-time reporting - SPECT	Information not held – not applicable			
	Day-time reporting - Ultrasound	Information not held – not applicable			
	Out of hours reporting*	Information not held – not applicable			
	Specialist scan reporting**	Information not held – not applicable			
	Urgent scan reporting***	Information not held – not applicable			
	Second opinion reporting****	Information not held – not applicable			
Number of reports outsourced					
	Day-time reporting - Plain radiography	Information not held – not applicable			
	Day-time reporting - CT	Information not held – not applicable	25	949	
	Day-time reporting - MRI	Information not held – not applicable			
	Day-time reporting - Nuclear medicine	Information not held – not applicable			
	Day-time reporting - PET	Information not held – not applicable			
	Day-time reporting - SPECT	Information not held – not applicable			
	Day-time reporting - Ultrasound	Information not held – not applicable			
	Out of hours reporting*	Information not held – not applicable			
	Specialist scan reporting**	Information not held – not applicable			

	Urgent scan reporting***	Information not held – not applicable				
	Second opinion reporting****	Information not held – not applicable				
Number of scan images in outsourced reports						
	Day-time reporting - Plain radiography	Information not held – not applicable				
	Day-time reporting - CT	Information not held - – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.				
	Day-time reporting - MRI	Information not held – not applicable				
	Day-time reporting - Nuclear medicine	Information not held – not applicable				
	Day-time reporting - PET	Information not held – not applicable				
	Day-time reporting - SPECT	Information not held – not applicable				
	Day-time reporting - Ultrasound	Information not held – not applicable				
	Out of hours reporting*	Information not held – not applicable				

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Yours sincerely

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