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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Radiology.

You asked:

- 1. How much money did your trust pay to outsourcing companies for diagnostic imaging (e.g. X-Rays, CT or MRI scans) in a) 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date?*
- 2. If possible please state what the volume was of outsourcing for each year e.g. 2,000 X-Rays in 2018-19, 4,000 X-Rays in 2019-20*
- 3. What are the names of the companies your trust uses and if they are read overseas, what countries are the scans sent to*
- 4. How many radiographers does your trust have as of 25/02/20 and how many short of a full complement are you?*

Trust response:

1. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-qualitystory/finance/

2. Unable to get this information for all companies.

3. TMC, Spire TWH, Lyca Health, Medical Imaging partners and Alliance Medical

4. 115 in post 8 vacancies