

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6299

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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 outsourcing of clinical services.

You asked:

1. Do you outsource source any diagnostic clinical services, if so which services?

2. Do you have any contracts with diagnostic outsourcing companies? (Please provide name of company, outsourcing services provided and current length of contract)

3. Do you have any previous contracts with diagnostic outsourcing companies that you no longer commission? (Please Provide name of company, outsourcing services provided and length of contract)

4. How are the services charged for by the service provider per patient/per tariff?

5. Are you currently being charged below, on or above NHS tariff?

6. Do you use substantively employed Trust staff to delivery all or part of the insourced service? (please provide examples if any, of non- substantively paid services)

7. Please provide the nature of services provided (For instance: mobile diagnostic centre, lease of equipment, hire of a full team model plus equipment)

8. The total number of procedures completed by each supplier (named) in the following categories:

- X-ray
- MRI
- CT Scan
- Ultra-sound
- Other Radiology (Please specify)
- All Other (Please specify)

9. Please provide the total spend on each supplier (please specify) per service area (please specify)

10. Please give an annual breakdown per annum of outsourcing services per service area:

- 15/16
- 16/17
- 17/18
- 18/19
- 19/20

Trust response:

1. MRI, (DEXA and CT- provided by other NHS healthcare providers) 2. Alliance Medical - MRI - ongoing Medical imaging partnerships - MRI ongoing Lyca Health – MRI ongoing Spire hospital - MRI ongoing Nuffield hospital-MRI ongoing BMI hospital- MRI stopped in 2019 Darrent Valley - DEXA ongoing 3. Yes - BMI Somerfield Hospital 4. Per patient 5. Above 6. Yes 7. Not applicable 8. X-ray = none MRI = See below CT Scan =none Ultra-sound= none Other Radiology (Please specify)= DEXA All Other (Please specify) = none **MRI Exams** Provider May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr Benenden KIMS Nuffield Spire The Horder

Grand

Total

Lyca Health The Somerfield **MRI** Total DEXA Dartford DEXA Total

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The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of further detailed 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-quality-story/finance/

	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	Total
Outsourced MRIs	£824,368	£645,491	£575,491	£762,856	£1,244,167	£4,052,854
MRI's sent to private	£710,158	£381,082	£466,193	£434,010	£164,198	£2,155,641
hospitals						
Grand Total	£1,534,526	£1,026,573	£1,042,166	£1,196,866	£1,408,365	£6,208,495

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15/16 MRI total examinations per provider - AML-5310, MIP-2029, SPIRE-2375

16/17 MRI total examinations per provider AML-3534, MIP–1954, SPIRE-1563

17/18 MRI total examinations per provider AML-2439, MIP- 2482, SPIRE-2066

18/19 MRI total examinations per provider AML-2822, MIP-3022, LYCA-390, SPIRE-1442

19/20 MRI total examinations per provider AML-5474, MIP-3932, LYCA-870, SPIRE-936