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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 InHealth Ltd and private provision of diagnostic tests.

You asked:

1. Which of the following services are provided by InHealth Ltd within your trust:

AAA Screening, audiology, breast screening, CT scans, cardiac services, DEXA scan, diabetic eye screening, ENT, echocardiography, endoscopy, interventional cardiology, lung health checks, MRI, paediatric audiology, PET-CT, radiography, radiography reporting, respiratory therapy services, retinal screening, sleep apnea testing and monitoring, ultrasound, upright MRI, X-rays, any diagnostic testing or imaging not already listed.

2. If any of the above services are provided by a non-NHS provider, please list which service and which provider.

3. Are these services costing the NHS more than when they were privately provided?

Trust response:

1. InHealth provide some CT and some MRI via our Community diagnostic centre.

Echocardiography - some insourced activity with Elective Services.

2. Medical imaging partnerships provide DEXA, MRI and Ultrasound. Spire Tunbridge Wells provide MRI. Nuffield Tunbridge wells provide MRI. Lyca Health provide MRI. Agito provide CT and MRI PET CT is provided by Alliance medical.

Open MRI are done at InHealth specifically for obese or claustrophobic patients. The Trust does not offer this service.

3. Some are paid at tariff + market forces factor (MFF) others are under individual local agreements but all providers are compliant with the NHSSC, CDC or AQP framework