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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 reporting suppliers and conflicts of interest.

*You asked:*

1. *How many radiology consultants had a substantive contract with the authority as at 28th February 2022.*
2. *During the period 1st April 2021 to 28th February 2022, how much did the authority spend, in addition to the salaries of substantive consultants, on the reporting of radiology cases, within the following categories of spend:*
  - d) *Payments for locum radiologists*
  - e) *Additional payments to substantive radiologists employed by the authority for work in addition to their contracted programmed activities (PAs)*
  - f) *Payments to companies who provide a radiology reporting service*
3. *During the period 1st April 2021 to 28th February 2022, how much did the authority spend with each of the following suppliers for the reporting of radiology cases:*
  - a) *TMC, Telemedicine Clinic, or Unilabs*
  - b) *Everlight*
  - c) *Radiology Reporting Online*
  - d) *4Ways Healthcare*
  - e) *Medica*
  - f) *DMC, Dulwich Medical Centre*
  - g) *Inhealth*
  - h) *Alliance Healthcare*
4. *How do the authority manage the potential conflict of interest which arises when substantive radiology consultants employed by the authority are involved in purchasing reporting services from the above mentioned suppliers, and are also paid by these suppliers to provide reporting services outside their contracted NHS hours. For example, company X suggests to consultant Y,*

*employed by Trust Z, that if consultant Y gives company X a contract to provide reporting services to Trust Z, that company X may employ consultant Y to undertake reporting work through company X for Trusts A, B, C. Please indicate which of the following apply:*

- a) The Authority doesn't recognise this as a risk.*
- b) The authority recognises this as a risk, but doesn't take steps to manage this risk.*
- c) The authority recognises this as a risk and requires all substantive consultants to declare any conflicts of interest.*
- d) The authority recognises this as a risk and requires all substantive consultants to declare any conflicts of interest, and requires these consultants to disclose the source of all income in addition to their NHS salary.*
- e) The authority recognises this as a risk and requires all substantive consultants to declare any conflicts of interest.*
- f) The authority recognises this as a risk, and takes other steps to manage this risk – please explain.*

Trust response:

- 1. 25
- 2. April 2021 to February 2022
- d) £167,407
- e) £732,297
- f) £853,833
- 3. Please see the response to Q2f. The Trust is applying Section 43 to a further more detailed response.
- 4.
- c) The authority recognises this as a risk and requires all substantive consultants to declare any conflicts of interest.