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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 Teleradiology services, Artificial Intelligence and PACS & RIS.

You asked:

Teleradiology services

1. Does your Trust use Teleradiology services? If so, what is the cost of this service per annum?

2. What teleradiology provider you utilise i.e., Medica, 4ways, Everlight Radiology etc?

3. The types of images outsourced and the total number of images in each type per annum

Artificial Intelligence

4. Please list any Artificial Intelligence software currently in use within your radiology department? Please include brand names, manufacturer.

For each of the AI-based software products currently in use, please state whether:

a. They are being used within the context of a research study or pilot project. If so when is this due to be completed?

b. They have been purchased/commissioned by your organisation for routine clinical use. If so, how were they procured (e.g., framework agreement, single purchasing contract etc) and how much is the yearly cost for each?

PACS & RIS

5. Who provides your Radiology PACS system?

6. Who provides your Radiology Information System (RIS)?

7. Please provide names and contact details for the Clinical Lead for Radiology and Radiology Artificial Intelligence Lead

Trust response:

Teleradiology services

1. Yes. Further information will not be released under Section 43 of the Act.
2. TMC and Hexarad
3. Overnight on-call (/urgent), Elective reporting (MRI/CT), Plain film/X-ray reporting

19/20	5701
20/21	6303
21/22	7438
22/23 YTD	4360

Further more detailed information will not be released under Section 43 of the Act.

Artificial Intelligence

4. AI Software currently in use in our radiology department. It is called Brainomix

a. It is being used as AI software to assist stroke physicians in making acute front door decisions on stroke patients, notably intravenous thrombolysis and mechanical thrombectomy.

b. It was a pilot project established in 2020 and funded by NHSEI, and its current licence is set to expire 29th March 2024.

PACS & RIS

5. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website WWW.MTW.NHS.UK Please enter PACs and RIS into the search box and the response will be shown. Alternatively, please use the following link:
<http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/PACs-and-RIS.-070120.pdf>

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7. Clinical Lead for Radiology and Radiology Artificial Intelligence Lead. These roles fall under the Diagnostics & Core Clinical Services Directorate. Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust receives a number of requests for details relating to the professional lives of our staff from private individuals and organisations, some of whom are involved in recruitment and marketing. We are aware that approaches from some of these organisations, as a result of any disclosure on our part, may lead to damage and distress to individuals whose roles and responsibilities would not normally be public facing or a level where the expectation would be that this information should be in the public domain. On very rare occasions it might be considered in the public interest to disclose some information but in such cases the views of the individual staff concerned is always sought.

The Trust has therefore decided that in future all such requests will normally be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

The information you have requested is therefore exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details.

Information relating to staff that is not currently publicly available on our website will not be released under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees.

The Trust Executive structure chart is available on the Trust website www.mtw.nhs.uk and details of our Clinically Led Organisation can be found on the trust website using the following link: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Clinically-Led-Brochure-101022.pdf>
Alternatively, from our website home page, click the About Us Tab, then the Clinically-led Organisation tab where you will find all the information.