



**Maidstone and
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NHS Trust

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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 Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC).

You asked:

1. *Do you currently have a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in place? (Y/N)*
2. *If the answer to question 1 is yes:*
 - a. *Is the CDC operated in-house or by a third-party?*
 - b. *If the CDC is operated by a third-party, which partner(s) are involved in the operation of the CDC?*
3. *If the answer to question 1 is no:*
 - a. *Are you exploring the option of setting up a CDC? (Y/N)*
 - b. *If the answer to question 3a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N)*
4. *How many of the following scanners do you currently operate within your Trust?*
5. *Have you used a mobile MRI or CT service (that you operate or a third-party operates) in the last three years? (Y/N)*
6. *If the answer to question 5 is yes:*
 - a. *Approximately how many scans were undertaken on mobile scanners in the years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23?*
 - b. *Why have you used mobile scanning services over the last three years?*
 - c. *If you are using mobile scanning services to provide routine ongoing additional capacity, what is the primary reason for using a mobile service rather than installing a static scanner within your Trust/CDC?*
 - d. *Do you use any third-party providers for the provision of MRI or CT mobile scanning services and, if so, which providers and do they provide services for your CDC(s) as well (if applicable)?*

Trust response:

1. Yes and no. We have mobile scanners on site at present, however, the full centre has not yet been completed. When it is completed (by the end of 2023) the CT and MRI are third party providers, other imaging modalities, i.e. X-ray etc will be in-house.
2. Please see response to Q1.
3. Please see response to Q1.
- 4.

		Total number excluding those located within your CDC(s)	Number located within your CDC(s) [if applicable]
# scanners	MRI	MRI serviced handled under Service Management Agreement by third party	MRI serviced handled under Service Management Agreement by third party
	CT	4	2

5. Yes
- 6.
- a.

		MRI	CT
Mobile service used in the last three years? (Y/N)			
Approximate total # scans undertaken on a mobile scanner by year	2020/21	5967	2113
	2021/22	12187	6315
	2022/23	18453	16999

b.

Reason		CT	MRI
Interim capacity	To provide interim scanning capacity during the installation of new scanners/ replacement of scanners within a hospital setting (Y/N)	Y	Y
	To provide interim scanning capacity during the set-up of Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) (Y/N)	Y	Y
Routine ad-hoc additional capacity	To provide ad-hoc additional overflow capacity at times of high demand (Y/N)	N	Y
Routine ongoing additional capacity	To provide ongoing additional capacity in a hospital setting	N	Y
	To provide ongoing additional capacity in a community setting (Y/N)	N	N
Other (please specify) [free text]			

c. Not applicable

d. Please see the following table.

	Provider name	Provide mobile MRI services (Y/N)	Provide mobile CT services (Y/N)	Provide mobile MRI or CT services within your CDC(s) (if applicable); (Y/N)
Provider 1	InHealth – managed service for all MRI imaging for the Trust			
Provider 2	Agito	N	N	Y