

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-047a

Date 6 April 2017

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

Question 1

- **How many of the following scanners do you operate in your Trust?**

| Scanner Type | Number of in-house operated scanners | Number of third-party operated scanners |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| MRI | 5 | 0 |
| CT | 5 | 0 |

Question 2

- **For each scanner, could you please fill in the table below with the requested information.**

| Scanner Type [MRI/CT] | Original Equipment Manufacturer | Model Year installed | Operated by [In-house/ Name of third party] | Expected replacement date |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1 CT | Philips Bigbore | 2009 | In house | 2019/20 |
| 2 CT | Toshiba Aquilion 1 | Vision 2014 | In house | 2024/25 |
| 3 CT | Siemens Definition AS+ | 2010 | In house | 2020/21 |
| 4 CT | Siemens Definition AS+ | 2016 | In house | 2026/27 |
| 5 CT | Siemens Sensation 16 | 2003 | In house | 2017/18 or 18/19 |
| 6 MRI | Siemens Avanto | 2009 | In house | 2026/27 |
| 7 MRI | Siemens Avanto | 2007 | In house | 2024/25 |
| 8 MRI | Siemens Symphony | 2002 | In house | 2018/19 |
| 9 MRI | Siemens Skyra | 2014 | In house | 2024/25 |
| 10 MRI | Siemens Aera | 2015 | In house | 2025/26 |

Question 3

- **Have you used a mobile MRI or CT scanner in the last 12 months? If yes, approximately how many scans were undertaken on a mobile scanner in the last 12 months, and which provider was used?**

MRI CT

Have mobile scanners been used in last 12 months? [Y/N] No

- Number of scans undertaken on mobile scanner in last 12 months
- Mobile provider used [Name of provider]

Question 4

• If so, what was the primary reason for using mobile services? (please allocate an approximate % if multiple reasons) N/A

MRI CT

- a. Short term capacity - static scanner broken
- b. Short-term capacity – static scanner being replaced or installed
- c. Not enough static/ in-house capacity
- d. Not enough staff capacity to operate scanners
- e. The mobile is used more like a permanent scanner i.e. it doesn't move week to week
- f. Other reason [Please enter]

Question 5

• If a mobile scanner has been used in the last 12 months: N/A

- What is the main reason why a new static scanner has not been installed to serve this volume? (please allocate an approximate % if multiple reasons)

MRI CT

- i. Capex is too high
- ii. Not enough space in the Hospital
- iii. The current volumes cannot support a new static scanner
- iv. Other reason [Please enter]

Question 6

• Is your Trust planning on installing a new scanner, a new mobile scanner or adding third-party operated scanners, in the next 12 months? If so, is this as a replacement for a scanner already in your Trust?

MRI CT

New scanner installation planned in the next 12 months? [Y/N] No, Business case being drawn up

- If Y, is this new scanner to replace a scanner already in the Trust? [Y/N] Y

Installation of mobile scanner operated by Trust planned in next 12 months? [Y/N] N N

- If Y, is this new scanner to replace a scanner already in the Trust? [Y/N]

Third-party operated scanner additions planned in the next 12 months? [Y/N] N N

- If Y, is this new scanner to replace a scanner already in the Trust? [Y/N]

Question 7

• How much do you spend on outsourced radiology reporting, by hospital (or across

Trust if not broken down at hospital level)?

Hospital Outsourced MRI reporting spend Outsourced CT reporting spend
[Bristol Royal Infirmary] Commercially sensitive

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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