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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 11th March 2024 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to outsourced MRI or CT Radiology and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Has your Trust used any outsourced MRI or CT radiology reporting services over the last three years?

Yes.

2. If the answer to Question 1 is yes, how much did you spend on outsourced radiology reporting in the last three years?

	Outsourced MRI reporting spend	Outsourced CT reporting spend
2023/24	£470,621 (up to Feb 24)	£2,857,056 (up to Feb 24)
2022/23	£423,606	£2,593,506
2021/22	£494,077	£2,428,010

3. Please provide the following information on the diagnostic radiographer workforce, as it pertains to the full diagnostic radiographer workforce at the Trust, as well as those involved in the CT / MRI service:
- How many permanent diagnostic radiographer WTE are employed by the Radiography/Imaging department?
 - How many permanent vacancies are currently open/unfilled within the Radiography/Imaging department for diagnostic radiographers?
 - How many permanent diagnostic radiographers left the Trust in the last twelve months?

	All diagnostic radiographers	Within which: CT / MRI radiographers
Current permanent WTE	120.84	32.20
Current vacancies (WTE)	21.90	3.00
Turnover (last 12 months, WTE)	4.00	–

4. Do you currently have a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in place? (Y/N)

Yes.

If the answer to question 4 is yes:

- Is the CDC operated in-house, in collaboration with another Trust or by a third-party?

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- If the CDC is operated by a third-party or in collaboration with another Trust, which partner(s) are involved in the operation of the CDC?

Not applicable.

- Are you exploring the option of setting up further CDCs? (Y/N)

No.

- If the answer to 5c is yes, when are you planning to do so?

Not applicable.

5. If the answer to question 4 is no:

- Are you exploring the option of setting up a CDC? (Y/N)

- b. If the answer to 6a is yes, when are you planning to do so?**
- c. If the answer to question 6a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N)**

Not applicable.

- 6. If the answer to question 4 is no:**
 - a. Are you exploring the option of setting up a CDC? (Y/N)**
 - b. If the answer to 6a is yes, when are you planning to do so?**
 - c. If the answer to question 6a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N)**

Not applicable.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator