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Email only

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 21 May 2021 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 Teleradiology services and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. The name and email address of:**
  - a) The Clinical Director that is responsible for Radiology**

Dr R Briggs

- b) The General Manager that is responsible for Radiology**
- c) The Service Manager that is responsible for Radiology**

Ms Judith Allen

Both Ms Allen and Dr Briggs can be contacted via their PA Annette McAdam  
[a.mcadam@nhs.net](mailto:a.mcadam@nhs.net)

- 2. In the last 12 months, which external providers have you used for your Teleradiology Service?**
- 3. Do you have a contract with an external provider of Teleradiology Services and, if so, which company is the contract with?**

The Trust has used, and has a current contract with Medica.

- 4. Did you procure the Teleradiology services via a tender process or Framework and, if so, which one?**

The contract was procured via the North of England Commercial Procurement Collaborative Framework

**5. If you have a contract with an external provider of Teleradiology Services, when does it currently expire and when will it be reviewed?**

The contract expires on August 2022.

**6. If you have a contract with an external provider of Teleradiology Services, how much are you being charged per body part, for both MRI and CT routine and out of hours reporting?**

The Trust's provider has advised us that the disclosure of this information would be likely to prejudice their commercial interests by allowing competitors to unfairly infer their pricing structure and, in response, alter the structure or cost of their bid in, putting our provider at an unfair commercial disadvantage. The Trust has reviewed this information and applied the public interest test; weighing the disclosure of the information requested, in the interest of transparency, against the public interest of maintaining a competitive marketplace. On review the Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining fair market competition (which the FOIA is not intended to subvert) outweighs the interest in transparency and is therefore exempting this information under Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Prejudice to Commercial Interests

**7. What has been the spend by the Trust/Health Board in the last 12 months on outsourced Teleradiology Services?**

The spend was between £2,200,000 and £2,300,000 in the last 12 months.

**8. Does the Trust/Health Board currently require outsourced Teleradiology Services?**

No as a contract is already in place.

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. I am sorry that I have not been able to provide all of the information you requested, however I hope that my explanation as to why this is not possible has been satisfactory. 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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**