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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 8th March 2022 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 clinical imaging equipment and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

A list of the current medical imaging equipment held by the Trust across all hospital sites, providing the following information:

1. What is your overall spend on medical imaging products and services for the current year?

Forecast position for 2021/2022 - £17,284,189

2. How much do you spend on each modality requested below for the current year:

- a. **Computed Tomography (CT)**
- b. **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)**
- c. **Ultrasound**
- d. **Fluoroscopy**
- e. **Mammography**
- f. **Nuclear**
- g. **Mobile X-ray**
- h. **Static X-ray**

The Trust does not centrally record the spend broken down in the categories requested and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. In order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually examine each spend and allocate it to a category. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

- 3. A list of the current equipment held by the Trust across all hospital sites for each of the following:**
- a. Supplier**
 - b. Product**
 - c. Contract start date**
 - d. Contract expiry date**
 - e. Number of devices**
 - f. Age of product**
- Example Response: 3 x Siemens Acuson SC2000, Initial cost £ 29,000, Contract start date 10/02/2022 Contract end date 10/02/2026, 6 years old**

Please see attachment 1.

- 4. Annual cost of maintenance of equipment**

£817,111

- 5. What percentage of your imaging equipment has an element of Artificial Intelligence?**

All new systems have or are supported by an AI component in Enterprise PACS. The approximate AI coverage is 60%.

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.cddftfoi@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