

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-029

7 February 2025

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

• We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

1. Out of hours, emergency reporting (overnight reporting).

Everlight

2. Routine Elective Reporting.

Everlight, TMC, 4Ways, Hexarad, MIP

• Please provide the annual volumes for both 2023 and for 2024 sent to each provider, broken into the following:

- o Overnight Emergency
- o Routine Elective Reporting (MRI, CT)
- o Plain Film Reporting
- o Day time emergency reporting (1hr for example).

o Split into each hospital within the Trust

Please see our response in the attached document.

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by *. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

• Start date, duration and end date of any contracts with tele-radiology providers?

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply **Section 21** of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the Trust's website on the following link: <u>24-376_response.pdf</u>

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information if it is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

Hexarad contract start date: 1st January 2025 – 29th December 2029.

• Was the contract procured via a framework (direct award), mini-tender, or ITT procurement process?

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Hexarad was done via mini tender.

• Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract? Operational Manager, Radiology.

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:

Data Protection Officer University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust Trust Headquarters Marlborough Street Bristol BS1 3NU

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

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Yours sincerely

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