



**Wrightington,  
Wigan and Leigh**  
NHS Foundation Trust

**Information Governance**

Wrightington Hospital  
Hall Lane  
Appley Bridge  
Lancashire  
WN6 9EP

Tel: 01257 256284  
Email: FOI@wwl.nhs.uk  
Web: www.wwl.nhs.uk

Ref: FOI2018/4728

Date Received: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
Response Due: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018

10<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

Did your trust outsource the reporting of diagnostic images to any teleradiology companies over the past 5 years? If so, for each company, please provide the name of the teleradiology provider along with the information in the *table below (where availab*

*le* Please see below the outsourced activity per modality for each financial year (with 2018-19 only showing April – June data), together with the total outsourcing cost per financial year (with 2018-19 only showing April to May costs):

OUTSOURCE ACTIVITY						
No of Procs (Bodyparts)	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Q1 2018-2019
CT	913	5329	9779	8653	7508	3211
MRI	802	3897	3598	3622	4066	1603
PLAIN	70	108	1	1	2	0
FLUORO	0	4	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>9338</b>	<b>13378</b>	<b>12276</b>	<b>11576</b>	<b>4814</b>

OUTSOURCE COSTS	
FINANCIAL YEARS	TOTALS
2013-14	£50,974

2014-15	<b>£309,392</b>
2015-16	<b>£495,171</b>
2016-17	<b>£480,203</b>
2017-18	<b>£613,368</b>
2018-19 ( <b>Apr - May 18 only</b> )	<b>£139,979</b>

*\*out of hours reporting occurs after 18:00 on weekdays and on weekends and bank holidays or as defined by the trust*

*\*\*specialist scan reporting occurs where the report must be produced by a doctor with a particular specialisation*

*\*\*\*urgent reporting consists of instances where a premium is paid for the delivery of the report in under 24 hours*

*\*\*\*\*second opinion reporting consists of instances where the scan has previously been reported on by another doctor*

*If a breakdown of day-time reporting is not available or utilised by the trust, please provide a comparable breakdown that is used internally. If no breakdown is available, please provide the information above by Plain radiography, CT, MRI, Nuclear medicine, PET, SPECT and Ultrasound.*

- *Please provide details related to the procurement of the teleradiology services including:*
- *Identification of the organisation that led the procurement process*
- *The start date and length of the contract*
- *The name of the outsourcing company providing the teleradiology services (if more than 1 company provided teleradiology services to the trust, please clarify which services were provided by each)*

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research you are doing and for the purposes of news reporting. Any other reuse, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder. You must ensure you gain their permission before reproducing any third party information.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan, WN6 9EP

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF