

Ref: FOI/2025/10734

Date Received: 7th May 2025

Response Due: 5th June 2025

Date: 2nd June 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 7th May 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. Who provides your Radiology PACS system, and when is this due for replacement?**
Sectra, 2032.
- 2. Who provides your Radiology Information System (RIS), and when is this due for replacement?**
Magentus, 2028.
- 3. What was the Trust's total number of emergency admissions in the previous full year?**
A search for the information has now been completed within the Trust the information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA as it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it via the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ae-waiting-times-and-activity/ae-attendances-and-emergency-admissions-2023-24/>

Please follow the above link where monthly breakdowns can be found. Upon opening each document, please select the "Provider Level Data" tab along the bottom and find "RRF" in Column B.
- 4. Does your Trust currently use any AI-based software in radiology (e.g. for image analysis, triage, diagnosis, or workflow support)?**
Yes.
- 5. If yes, please specify the name(s) of the AI system(s), the clinical area(s) they are used in (e.g. fracture detection, chest X-ray, mammography), the supplier(s), whether they are integrated into PACS or RIS, and the procurement route (e.g. direct award, framework, third party).**

- a. Az Med, Rayvolve, fracture detection on all MSK imaging performed at WWL on patients aged 18+, integrated through PACS – procured via a local arrangement.
- b. Annalise, Airport, all chest X-ray patients aged 18+, integrated through PACS – GM procurement via framework.

6. Are any AI systems currently being piloted or under evaluation in radiology, and if so, when are these pilots expected to conclude?

No.

7. Does your Trust use any enterprise AI platform or orchestration layer (e.g. Blackford, Aidoc, Sectra Amplifier, Philips AI Manager)?

Sectra Amplifier.

8. Are any AI solutions in use within the Emergency Department? If so, please specify their name, supplier, use case, and whether they are in active use, under trial, or part of a research project.

Both AI suppliers as mentioned above.

9. Has the Trust procured these AI systems, or are they part of a trial, pilot or research agreement?

Az Med, Rayvolve – procured.

Annalise, Airport – funding provided by NHS England.

10. Do you currently use outsourced reporting services for radiology exams? If yes, who is the provider, and what was the annual cost of this service in the last financial year?

Medica = £1,600,289.

Vital = £93,876.

In Health = £18,363.

4Ways = £148,119.

Medicare = £45,080.

The above figures are based on 2024/25 and excludes 'out of hours' reporting.

11. Does the Trust have a dedicated AI Working Group? If so, please provide a contact name and details.

Sherveen Wells and Tom Leyland.

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12. Please provide the name and contact details (email and title) for the Clinical Lead for Radiology and the Clinical Lead for Emergency Medicine (A&E).

Clinical Lead for Radiology = Dr Fiona Singh.

Clinical Lead for Emergency Medicine = Dr Muhammad Saleem Nasir.

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If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we

will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hazel Hendriksen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hazel Hendriksen
Divisional Director of Operations for Specialist Services

PLEASE NOTE:

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, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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Wycliffe House
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