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Response Due: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 28<sup>th</sup> 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:

**I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**Please provide details on the use of Minimally Invasive Cancer Therapies (MICTs), including cryoablation, Selective Internal Radiation Therapy and High-Intensity Focused Ultrasound, commissioned or delivered within your Trust area during the financial year 2024–25. Specifically, I am seeking the following:**

**1. A list of Minimally Invasive Cancer Therapies used within your Trust area – clarification below.**

**Clarification requested:** Could you please provide a list of the minimally invasive procedures?

**Clarification response:** To clarify, for the purposes of this request, we are referring to non-pharmaceutical, image-guided, minimally invasive procedures used in the treatment of cancer. These therapies aim to destroy or control tumours using targeted, non-surgical methods.

Examples include (but are not limited to):

- Cryoablation
- Radiofrequency ablation (RFA)
- Microwave ablation (MWA)
- Irreversible electroporation (IRE) / NanoKnife
- High-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU)
- Electrochemotherapy
- Transarterial chemoembolisation (TACE)

- Selective Internal Radiation Therapy (SIRT) / radioembolization

These treatments are typically carried out by interventional radiologists and may be used as an alternative or alongside surgery or chemotherapy, depending on the type and stage of cancer.

## **2. The number of times each therapy was used or delivered within that time period.**

**Please provide this information in the form of a spreadsheet (e.g. Excel), with each row representing:**

- **Name of therapy**
- **Number of procedures delivered**

**If your ICB does not commission or deliver any Minimally Invasive Cancer Therapies, please confirm this.**

The Trust does not provide any of the services listed above.

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,



Hazel Hendriksen  
Divisional Director of Operations for Specialist Services

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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