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Medical Imaging Equipment and Spend

We are currently updating data on your Trust's medical imaging equipment and spend. Can you please complete the fields below with what you currently hold?

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?**

Medical Imaging products and services are procured through many services in Belfast Trust and are not coded specifically as medical imaging products and services. Therefore, it is not possible to provide this information.

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

**Computed Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI),
Ultrasound, Fluoroscopy, Mammography, Nuclear, Mobile X-ray, Static X-ray**

Budgets in the Imaging Service are not aligned to each modality on each site and there is a significant crossover of staff through the modalities. Therefore, these figures cannot be extracted.

3. **A list of the current equipment held by the Trust across all hospital sites for each of the following:**

Supplier, product, contract start date, contract expiry date, number of devices, age of product

See equipment lists in separate Excel document.

Please note that this relates to diagnostic imaging equipment. Much of the Ultrasounds list relates to equipment out with the Imaging Service (Radiology). The lists may not be laid out specifically in the format requested, as due to the volume of equipment, it would take too many hours to do so. Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

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The vast majority of imaging equipment maintenance is procured from a regional equipment maintenance framework and so procurement is through the Procurement and Logistics Service, which is part of Business Services Organisation - Foi.bso@hscni.net

4. Annual cost of maintenance of equipment

This information is commercially sensitive. Should you wish to pursue this further, you would need to contact the Business Service Organisation - Foi.bso@hscni.net.

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

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