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Belfast Trust's Outsourced Teleradiology Reporting

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details regarding the Trust's outsourced teleradiology reporting.

Please find below the responses to your Freedom of Information request.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide some of the financial information as it is exempt from release under Section 43 – Commercial Interests.

Section 43: Commercial Interests

- Section 43(1) provides an exemption under the Freedom of Information Act for information which is a trade secret.
- Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).
- A public authority may refuse to confirm or deny that it holds information where such confirmation or denial in itself would (or would be likely to) prejudice those commercial interests.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the Public Interest Test, which is set out in Section 2 of the Act.

I can confirm that we have now carried out a Public Interest Test and the outcome is to maintain the exemption and withhold the information from release.

We are however content to provide the overall expenditure for this period, which is £419,943.20.

Please confirm the below information for each contract you hold with a teleradiology/outsourced radiology reporting provider:	Provider 1	Provider 2	Provider 3	Provider 4
Name	Medica Teleradiology Ltd			
Contract start date	June 2021			
Contract end date	May 2023			
Option for extension/roll-over period	Yes			
Procurement route/framework used	NOECPC			
Exclusivity or volume commitment within contract	N/A			

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Please provide the below information for each teleradiology provider above:				
Number of CT/MRI examinations reported between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a 1-hour turnaround time or quicker (Emergency reporting)	4072			
If Emergency reporting (up to 1-hour) is not outsourced, then please confirm the number of examinations reported locally between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a 1-hour turnaround time or quicker (Emergency reporting)	We are unable to provide this information.			
Number of CT/MRI examinations reported between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a turnaround time of between 1 and 48 hours (Urgent reporting)	6597			
Number of CT examinations reported between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a 48-hour turnaround time or longer (Routine/general reporting)	4557			
Number of MRI examinations reported between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a 48-hour turnaround time or longer (Routine/general reporting)	962			
Number of Plain Film (X-Ray) examinations reported between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a 48-hour turnaround time or longer (Routine/general reporting)	5670			

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Please provide the below information for each teleradiology provider above:				
Total financial expenditure for CT/MRI examinations reported between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a 1-hour turnaround time or quicker (Emergency reporting)	Please see below re total expenditure between July 2022 and Sept 2022			
Total financial expenditure for CT/MRI examinations reported between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a turnaround time of between 1 and 48 hours (Urgent reporting)				
Total financial expenditure for CT examinations reported between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a 48 hour turnaround time or longer (Routine/general reporting)				
Total financial expenditure for MRI examinations reported between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a 48-hour turnaround time or longer (Routine/general reporting)				
Total financial expenditure for Plain Film (X-Ray) examinations reported between 1 st July 2022 and 30 th September 2022 that require a 48-hour turnaround time or longer (Routine/general reporting)				

Total Financial expenditure between 1st July 2022 and 30th September 2022 - £419,943.20