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Tele radiology Reporting

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details regarding the Trusts outsourced teleradiology reporting:

Please confirm the below information for each contract you hold with a teleradiology reporting provider:	**Provider 1**
Name	Medica Reporting Ltd
Contract start date	01 July 2021
Contract end date	30 June 2022
Option for extension/roll-over period	There is an option to extend by mutual agreement in periods of not less than 12 months each, up to a total contract length of not more than 5 years
Procurement route/framework used	NOECPC
Exclusivity or volume commitment within contract	
Prospect only - When did you last benchmark the contract against other options available?	N/A
Prospect only - Do you expect to replace or renew the contract in 2024?	N/A

Please provide the below information for each teleradiology provider above:	**Provider 1**
Number of CT/MRI examinations reported between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive that require a 1-hour turnaround time or quicker (Emergency reporting)	BHSCT Imaging Service are unable to provide this on the basis that this would require a manual trawl of all images sent to tele reporting provider to identify those requiring turnaround time of 1 hour or sooner. This is highlighted on the teleradiology portal when sending images across for reporting, this would entail numerous hours of resource, we have therefore provided overall numbers and figures to include all activity turned around from 0-12 hours below
Please confirm the daily start and end time of your external Emergency reporting provision?	5pm - 9am Mater Site Only

	No other emergency provisions via teleradiology on other sites, tele-radiology support on all other sites is requested in advance with the provider directly and in line with the contract
Number of CT/MRI examinations reported between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive that require a turnaround time of between 1 and 12 hours (Urgent reporting)	3952
Number of CT/MRI examinations reported between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive that require a turnaround time of 24 hours (Urgent reporting)	4661
Number of CT and MRI examinations reported between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 that require reporting in over 24 hours turnaround time (General reporting)	3470
Number of X-Ray examinations reported between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 that require reporting in over 24 hours turnaround time (General reporting)	5,661

Please provide the below information for each teleradiology provider above:	**Provider 1**
Total financial expenditure for CT/MRI examinations reported between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive that require a 1-hour turnaround time or quicker (Emergency reporting)	***Section 43 exemption***
Total financial expenditure for CT/MRI examinations reported between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive that require a turnaround time of between 1 and 12 hours (Urgent reporting)	***Section 43 exemption***
Total financial expenditure for CT/MRI examinations reported between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive that	***Section 43 exemption***

require a turnaround time of 24 hours (Urgent reporting)	
Total financial expenditure for CT and MRI examinations reported between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive that require a 48 hour turnaround time or longer (General reporting)	***Section 43 exemption***
Total financial expenditure for Xray examinations reported between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive that require a 48-hour turnaround time or longer (General reporting)	***Section 43 exemption***

If you do not use a teleradiology provider for your Emergency reporting:	not applicable
If Emergency reporting (up to 1-hour) is not outsourced, then please confirm the number of examinations reported locally between 1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive that require a 1-hour turnaround time or quicker (Emergency reporting) between the hours of 5pm and 9am	

Where indicated Section 43 exemption has been applied

This information is exempt from release under S43 Commercial Interests.

Section 43: Commercial Interests

This section of the Act permits a public authority to withhold information if it would prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority) holding it.

- 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).

Section 43 is a qualified exemption and requires a public interest test (PIT). The PIT has been completed and the outcome is to maintain the exemption and withhold information regarding costs from release.