

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.258**  
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Thank you for your email received 8 December 2022 requesting information regarding radiology.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

**Summary of your original request:**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding outsourcing for image reporting services.**

**Image reporting refers to the reading and interpretation of scans, mainly for diagnostic purposes.**

**Tele-radiology refers to the practice of a radiologist interpreting medical images whilst not physically present in the location where the image generation has taken place**

**1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the senior officer responsible for outsourced image reporting contracts.**

**For questions 2 through 7, please supply the following information for the financial years 2018/19 to 2021/22, and where possible, projected figures for 2022/23**

**2. If the Trust makes use of tele-radiology reporting services, please provide the names of the providers of each service (on-call and routine reporting separately)**

**3. If the Trust makes use of tele-radiology reporting services, please provide the annual volumes for the above years sent to each provider, split into the following:**

- a) Overnight on-call (8pm-9am)**
- b) Elective reporting (MRI, CT)**
- c) Plain film reporting**

**4. Were each of the Trust's current contracts procured via a framework (direct award, which framework?), mini-tender, or ITT procurement process?**

**5. During each year, how much did the Trust spend with each of the following suppliers for the image reporting of radiology cases:**

- a) Medica**
- b) Everlight**
- c) 4ways**
- d) TMC, Telemedicine Clinic, or Unilabs**
- e) DMC, Dulwich Medical Centre**

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***f) Other providers***

***6. Please provide contract values for each framework/contract***

***7. Please provide the start date and duration of the framework***

***8. What are the Trust's average cost per scan of outsourcing to private providers, split into the following:***

- a) Overnight on-call (8pm-9am)***
- b) Elective reporting (MRI, CT)***
- c) Plain film reporting***

We can confirm that we do not outsource radiology reporting outside of the NHS. We hold contracts with the acute Trusts in Kent and Medway; therefore we do not hold any information pertinent to your request.