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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 52723 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Radiology Services

Your request is set out below:

General Information

1. The total number of radiology scans performed at NHS hospitals in the last 12 months, broken down by modality (CT, MRI, and nuclear medicine scans).
2. A detailed breakdown of the scans performed by body part for each of the above modalities (For example CT head, MRI Spine, bone scan etc) at each trust.
3. The total number of outsourced scans for reporting purposes, categorized by modality (CT, MRI, and nuclear medicine) for each hospital / trust.

Outsourcing and Teleradiology

4. Whether any radiology scans are outsourced to external providers by the hospitals.
5. The percentage of scans outsourced for each modality, if applicable at each hospital.
6. The names of the external providers contracted for outsourced radiology reporting to each NHS hospital.
7. The cost per scan for outsourced services, broken down by modality and body part.

Financial Information

8. The total expenditure on outsourced radiology reporting services in the last financial year per trust.
9. Whether there are fixed pricing agreements between teleradiology providers and the hospitals, and if so, the details of these agreements to include start and finish dates and the cost in pounds.

Contracts and Agreements

10. Any active contracts the hospitals have with teleradiology companies, including: a. The names of the contracted providers. b. The start and end dates of the contracts. c. The performance or quality metrics outlined in the contracts.

Backlogs and Reporting Times

11. The current backlog for radiology scan reporting, broken down by modality and body part at each NHS trust.
12. The average reporting time for in-house radiology scans, categorized by modality.
13. The average reporting time for outsourced scans.

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14. Whether specific modalities or body parts have more significant backlogs.

Additional Details

15. Any delays in reporting radiology scans over the last 12 months and the primary causes of such delays.

16. Whether the hospital has plans to reduce reliance on outsourcing for radiology reporting, and if so, the details of these strategies.

The Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Trust are commissioned to provide Mental Health Services across the county of Kent and Medway. As a result we do not provide radiology services and are unable to assist in your request.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of

The Information Governance Department