



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-110

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Community Diagnostic Centre

Under section 8(1) of the FOI Act, requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name? Once we have received this we will continue to process your request. If we do not hear from you within the next two months we will assume you no longer require this information and will close your request.

On the same day you replied via email with your name, you later emailed with the following clarification:

*'Please also note that question 6 should read:*

*6. If the answer to question 5 is yes: etc.'*

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 Do you currently have a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in place? (Y/N)**

A1 No

**Q2 If the answer to question 1 is yes:**

- a. Is the CDC operated in-house or by a third-party?
- b. If the CDC is operated by a third-party, which partner(s) are involved in the operation of the CDC?

A2 Not applicable

**Q3 If the answer to question 1 is no:**

- a. Are you exploring the option of setting up a CDC? (Y/N)
- b. If the answer to question 3a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N)

A3 In response to 3a, are UHNM exploring the option to set up a CDC – Yes  
In response to 3b, are UHNM exploring the option of using a third party – no

**Q4 How many of the following scanners do you currently operate within your Trust?**

		Total number excluding those located within your CDC(s)	Number located within your CDC(s) [if applicable]
# scanners	MRI		
	CT		

A4 See below:

		Total number excluding those located within your CDC(s)	Number located within your CDC(s) [if applicable]
# scanners	MRI	7	Under review subject to business case approval
	CT	9	Under review subject to business case approval

**Q5 Have you used a mobile MRI or CT service (that you operate or a third-party operates) in the last three years? (Y/N)**

A5 Answer 4

- Q6 If the answer to question 5 is yes: {altered as per your instruction above}**
  - a. Approximately how many scans were undertaken on mobile scanners in the years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23?

		MRI	CT
<b>Mobile service used in the last three years? (Y/N)</b>			
<b>Approximate total # scans undertaken on a mobile scanner by year</b>	<b>2020/21</b>		
	<b>2021/22</b>		
	<b>2022/23</b>		

- b. Why have you used mobile scanning services over the last three years?

Reason		CT	MRI
Interim capacity	To provide interim scanning capacity during the installation of new scanners/ replacement of scanners within a hospital setting (Y/N)		
	To provide interim scanning capacity during the set-up of Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) (Y/N)		

Routine ad-hoc additional capacity	To provide ad-hoc additional overflow capacity at times of high demand (Y/N)		
Routine ongoing additional capacity	To provide ongoing additional capacity in a hospital setting (Y/N)		
	To provide ongoing additional capacity in a community setting (Y/N)		
Other (please specify) [free text]			

- c. If you are using mobile scanning services to provide routine ongoing additional capacity, what is the **primary reason** for using a mobile service rather than installing a static scanner within your Trust/CDC?

	MRI	CT
Lacking sufficient capital budget to acquire a new scanner (Y/N)		
There isn't enough space to install an additional permanent scanner (Y/N)		
Scan volumes are not high enough to make the purchase of an additional scanner cost-effective (Y/N)		
Other (please specify) [free text]		

- d. Do you use any third-party providers for the provision of MRI or CT mobile scanning services and, if so, which providers and do they provide services for your CDC(s) as well (if applicable)?

	Provider name	Provide mobile MRI services (Y/N)	Provide mobile CT services (Y/N)	Provide mobile MRI or CT services within your CDC(s) (if applicable); (Y/N)
Provider 1				
[Add more if required]				

A6 See below:

		MRI	CT
Mobile service used in the last three years? (Y/N)			
Approximate total # scans undertaken on a mobile scanner by year	2020/21	1,799	N/A
	2021/22	2,186	N/A
	2022/23	3,923	N/A

2020/21: June 20 – March 21  
2021/22: April 21 – September 21  
2022/23: July 22 – March 23

c. Why have you used mobile scanning services over the last three years?

Reason		CT	MRI
Interim capacity	To provide interim scanning capacity during the installation of new scanners/ replacement of scanners within a hospital setting (Y/N)		
	To provide interim scanning capacity during the set-up of Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) (Y/N)		
Routine ad-hoc additional capacity	To provide ad-hoc additional overflow capacity at times of high demand (Y/N)		
Routine ongoing additional capacity	To provide ongoing additional capacity in a hospital setting (Y/N)		X
	To provide ongoing additional capacity in a community setting (Y/N)		
Other (please specify) [free text]			

c. If you are using mobile scanning services to provide routine on-going additional capacity, what is the primary reason for using a mobile service rather than installing a static scanner within your Trust/CDC?

	MRI	CT
Lacking sufficient capital budget to acquire a new scanner (Y/N)		
There isn't enough space to install an additional permanent scanner (Y/N)	X	
Scan volumes are not high enough to make the purchase of an additional scanner cost-effective (Y/N)		
Other (please specify) [free text]		

e. Do you use any third-party providers for the provision of MRI or CT mobile scanning services and, if so, which providers and do they provide services for your CDC(s) as well (if applicable)?

	Provider name	Provide mobile MRI services (Y/N)	Provide mobile CT services (Y/N)	Provide mobile MRI or CT services within your CDC(s) (if applicable); (Y/N)
Provider 1	Fairford Medical	Y		

[Add more if required]				
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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