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Dear,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 16th June 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Breast Cancer screening and diagnosis.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required the following clarification:

“How many patients have been screened for breast cancer within your organisation in the last 12 months?” Can you please clarify if this is to include both the national NHS screening programme and those screening activities for patients who have symptoms?

“Over the last 12 months, how many patients has your organisation treated or screened for breast cancer with the following modalities? Mammography, Tomosynthesis, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Computerised Tomography (CT)”. Can you please clarify what you mean by ‘treated’ as these listed are diagnosis and screening methods and not treatment methods?

“How many private providers offer access for potential breast cancer patients within your catchment area to the following modalities?” Can you please clarify if you are requesting how many private providers offer this service for the NHS or how many UHNM have a contract with?

You replied via email with:

‘How many patients have been screened for breast cancer within your organisation in the last 12 months?’ Can you please clarify if this is to include both the national NHS screening programme and those screening activities for patients who have symptoms?

Please could this just include the patients that are part of the NHS screening programme, patients with symptoms are captured in the second question.

“Over the last 12 months, how many patients has your organisation treated or screened for breast cancer with the following modalities? Mammography, Tomosynthesis, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Computerised Tomography (CT)”. Can you please clarify what you mean by ‘treated’ as these listed are diagnosis and screening methods and not treatment methods?

Please could this number include patients with suspected breast cancer (showing symptoms) or screening patients, we are keen to understand how many patients with potential breast cancer need a secondary imaging technique such as MRI or CT.

“How many private providers offer access for potential breast cancer patients within your catchment area to the following modalities?” Can you please clarify if you are requesting how many private providers offer this service for the NHS or how many UHNM have a contract with?

Please could you let me know how many private providers offer this service for NHS patients or UHNM may refer to'.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) 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 How many patients have been screened for breast cancer within your organisation in the last 12 months?

How many patients attended symptomatic clinics for potential breast cancer within your organisation within the last 12 months?

Request clarified:

Please could this just include the patients that are part of the NHS screening programme, patients with symptoms are captured in the second question.

A1 See below:
27,326 patients screened via the National breast screening programme
6,285 referred to symptomatic/2 week wait breast clinic

Q2 How many patients attended symptomatic clinics for potential breast cancer within your organisation within the last 12 months?

1. Mammography
2. Tomosynthesis
3. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
4. Computerised Tomography (CT)

Please could this number include patients with suspected breast cancer (showing symptoms) or screening patients, we are keen to understand how many patients with potential breast cancer need a secondary imaging technique such as MRI or CT.

A2 See below:
1. 11,047 (not including those screened via the breast screening programme)
2. 1014
3. 931
4. N/A – we do not perform CT scans of the breasts specifically in this Trust

Q3 How many mammography examinations have taken place in the last 12 months?

- How many of the above patients received contrast media enhanced mammography?

How many individual devices does your organisation have for patients to access within your geographical catchment area?

1. Standard Mammography
2. Digital Mammography
3. Tomosynthesis

4. **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)**
5. **Computerised Tomography (CT)**

A3 See below:

44 patients received contrast enhanced mammography

1. 0
2. 7
3. 3
4. 8
5. 7

Q4 How many private providers offer access for potential breast cancer patients within your catchment area to the following modalities?

1. **Mammography**
2. **Tomosynthesis**
3. **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)**
4. **Computerised Tomography (CT)**

If yes to the above question, please can you name those providers?

Please could you let me know how many private providers offer this service for NHS patients or UHNM may refer to?

A4 Information not held

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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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