

**Royal Stoke University Hospital** 

**Quality, Safety and Compliance Department** 

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Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-687

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

## Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding outsourcing companies for diagnostic imaging

On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 you contacted us via email as you had the following amendment to your request:

"Sorry have realised I mistakenly put radiographers in Q4 - please can you change to radiologists."

We responded the same day via email acknowledging your change to Q4

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 much money did your Trust pay to outsourcing companies for diagnostic imaging (e.g. X-Rays, CT or MRI scans) in a) 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date?
- A1 Please see below:
  - 2018-19 £727010.05
  - 2019-20 £559109.10 up to December 2019
- Q2 If possible please state what the volume was of outsourcing for each year e.g. 2,000 X-Rays in 2018-19, 4,000 X-Rays in 2019-20
- A2 Please see below:
  - 2018-19 24502 total scans
  - 2019-20 26865 total scans up to December 2019
- Q3 What are the names of the companies your Trust uses and if they are read overseas, what countries are the scans sent to?
- A3 Medica = UK reporting only
- Q4 How many radiographers does your Trust have as of 25/02/20 and how many short of a full complement are you?

Amended as above: Please can you change to radiologists.

A4 UHNM has forty eight radiologists which is full complement







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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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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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