

Reference:	FOI.14098.24
Subject:	Radiology scans
Date of Request:	27 March 2024

Requested:

I am writing to request information regarding Radiology and Tele-Radiology outsourcing conducted by your Trust. The information I seek is detailed below:

1. Total Radiology scans (X-ray, CT, MRI etc.) conducted by the Trust during 2022 and 2023
 - a. Total during 2022
 - b. Total during 2023
2. Total Radiology scans conducted by the Trust during 2022 and 2023, broken down by body part (Breast, Chest, MSK etc),
 - a. Breakdown for 2022
 - b. Breakdown for 2023
3. Total Radiology scans conducted by the Trust during 2022 and 2023, broken down by body part (Breast, Chest, MSK etc), further broken down by type (CT, MRI etc.). i.e. Breast CT, Chest MRI etc.
 - a. Breakdown for 2022
 - b. Breakdown for 2023
4. Total number of Radiology work outsourced to Private Radiology Companies during 2022 and 2023
 - a. Total during 2022
 - b. Total during 2023
5. Total number of Radiology work outsourced to Private Radiology Companies during 2022 and 2023 by body part (Breast, Chest, MSK etc.),
 - a. Total during 2022
 - b. Total during 2023
6. Total number of Radiology work outsourced to Private Radiology Companies during 2022 and 2023 by their classification (routine, emergency, complex etc.),
 - a. Total during 2022
 - b. Total during 2023
7. Total spend in £ for outsourced Radiology work to Private Radiology Companies during 2022 and 2023
 - a. Total during 2022
 - b. Total during 2023
8. List the Private Radiology Companies worked with during 2022 and 2023 and their individual spend
 - a. Total during 2022 by Company
 - b. Total during 2023 by Company

9. Who is the person responsible for authorising the outsourcing of tele radiology within the Trust and what is their job title?
10. Does the Radiology within the Trust belong to part of a Radiology network in the region, and what is the name of that network?
11. Does the Trust share its Radiology services with any other Trusts?
12. Does your Trust adhere to a Framework for outsourced Tele-Radiology? If so, which ones?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

As the information requested for questions 2, 3, 5 and 6 is not collated and recorded centrally, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all Radiology patient records, for the 2022 to 2023 calendar years, to identify any information that may fulfil these parts of your request.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the **total number of Radiology scans performed, during the 2022 and 2023 calendar years.**

Calendar year	Number
2022	296,901
2023	322,255
Total	619,156

2. Section 12 exemption applied.
3. Section 12 exemption applied. However, under Section 16 the UHB provides, within the table below the number and type of scans performed, during the 2022 and 2023 calendar years.

Scan type	2022	2023
Computed Tomography (CT)	52,319	59,521
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	19,884	22,851
Ultrasound (US)	47,693	49,969
Obstetric Ultrasound (OU)	15,462	17,196
Nuclear Medicine (NM)	2,722	2,807
Femur Length (FL)	5,006	5,581

X-Ray (XR)	148,949	159,192
Mammogram (MAM)	4,866	5,138
Total	52,319	322,255

4. The UHB provides, within the table below, the total number of Radiology scans outsourced, during the 2022 and 2023 calendar years.

Calendar year	Number
2022	38,928
2023	37,946
Total	76,874

5. Section 12 exemption applied. However, under Section 16 the UHB provides, within the table below the number and type of scans outsourced, during the 2022 and 2023 calendar years.

Scan type	2022	2023
CT	20,628	26,303
MRI	3,742	8,604
US	14,558	3,039
Total	38,928	37,946

6. Section 12 exemption applied.

7. The UHB provides, within the table below, the total spend on outsourced Radiology scans, during the 2022 and 2023 calendar years.

Calendar year	Spend
2022	£1,687,000.00
2023	£2,235,000.00
Total	£3,922,000.00

8. The UHB confirms that it outsourced its Radiology scans to Everlight Radiology Ltd, during the 2022 and 2023 calendar years. Please see response to question 7 for spend.

9. The UHB confirms that Gail Roberts-Davies, Head of Radiology, is responsible for authorising the outsourcing of teleradiology.

10. The UHB confirms that it does not belong to a Radiology network.

11. The UHB confirms that it does not share its Radiology services with any other Health Boards.

12. The UHB confirms that it adheres to the Health Trust Europe Framework for outsourced teleradiology.