

Outsourced Radiology & Radiographers staffing

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

1. *Has your Trust used any outsourced MRI or CT radiology reporting services over the last three years? Yes.*
2. *If the answer to Question 1 is yes, how much did you spend on outsourced radiology reporting in the last three years?*

Answer: Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act

The information you have requested is available on the Trust website, the direct link is: <https://www.royaldevon.nhs.uk/media/bmljbneg/foi-rdf1337-23-external-ct-mri-pet-ct-scanning-providers.pdf>

All Trust responses to Freedom of Information requests can be found at the following link:

<https://royaldevon.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-of-information-foi-and-environmental-information-regulations-eir/foi-disclosure-log/>

3. *Please provide the following information on the diagnostic radiographer workforce, as it pertains to the full diagnostic radiographer workforce at the Trust, as well as those involved in the CT / MRI service:*
 - a) *How many permanent diagnostic radiographer WTE are employed by the Radiography/Imaging department?*
 - b) *How many permanent vacancies are currently open/unfilled within the Radiography/Imaging department for diagnostic radiographers?*
 - c) *How many permanent diagnostic radiographers left the Trust in the last twelve months? 4*

Please see answers to questions 3, a,b and c the table below.

| | Northern <i>All diagnostic radiographers</i> | Northern <i>Within which: CT / MRI radiographers</i> | Eastern <i>All diagnostic radiographers</i> | Eastern <i>Within which: CT / MRI radiographers</i> |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| <i>Current permanent WTE</i> | 53.1 | 5 | 162.2 | 30.85 |
| <i>Current vacancies (WTE)</i> | 4 | 1 | 26.45 | -6 |

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| Turnover (last 12 months, WTE) | 4 | 1 | 8.8 | 0 |
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4. Do you currently have a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in place? Yes.

5. If the answer to question 4 is yes:

a) Is the CDC operated in-house, in collaboration with another Trust or by a third-party? In house

b) If the CDC is operated by a third-party or in collaboration with another Trust, which partner(s) are involved in the operation of the CDC?

c) Are you exploring the option of setting up further CDCs? (Y/N)

d) If the answer to 5c is yes, when are you planning to do so?

The questions above are not applicable.

6. If the answer to question 4 is no:

a) Are you exploring the option of setting up a CDC? (Y/N)

b) If the answer to 6a is yes, when are you planning to do so?

c) If the answer to question 6a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N)

The questions above are not applicable.