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Your Request:

- 1) Do you currently use teleradiology companies for radiology reporting?
- 2) Which companies' teleradiology services have you contracted in the last 5 financial years?
- a) For each teleradiology company, which service did you utilise them for: routine/elective, day-time urgent or out-of-hours reporting?

Our Response:

1-2) Please be advised that NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not directly use/or has contracted with any teleradiology service during the last five financial years*.

Your Request:

- 3) Over the last 5 financial years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2020-21, 2021-22):
- a) How many routine/elective CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were performed each year?
- b) How many day-time urgent CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were performed each year?
- c) How many out-of-hours CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were performed each year?

Our Response:

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold data detailing the total number of CT/MRI scans performed during the 2016/17 financial year to enable us to provide you with this information.

3a) Please find listed below the data held on the total number of CT/MRI scans performed for the financial years 2017/18 to 2021/22 by the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Financial	Total Number of Routine	Total Number of Routine
Year	CT scans performed	MRI scans performed
2017/18	36,221	27,599
2018/19	39,079	28,718
2019/20	48,746	35,559
2020/21	42,285	25,254

2021/22	52,499	32,153
2021/22	02,100	02,100

Data not held on total number of routine X-Rays performed*.

3b-c) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information that enable us to differentiate between urgent CT/MRI scans performed during the daytime and out-of-hours. However, please find listed below the total number of non-elective CT/MRI scans performed for the financial years 2017/18 to 2021/22 by the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Financial Year	Total Number of non- elective CT scans performed	Total Number of non- elective MRI scans performed
2017/18	46,944	3,865
2018/19	49,815	4,615
2019/20	48,177	5,251
2020/21	44,755	4,927
2021/22	46,053	5,531

Data not held on total number of day-time urgent X-Rays performed*.

Your Request:

- d) What proportion of routine/elective CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were outsourced to a teleradiology company for reporting each year?
- e) What proportion of day-time urgent CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were outsourced to a teleradiology company for reporting each year?
- f) What proportion of out-of-hours CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were outsourced to a teleradiology company for reporting each year?

Our Response:

3d, e, f) Please be advised that NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information on the proportion of CT scans, MRI scans or X-rays that were outsourced to a teleradiology company for reporting for the financial years 2016/17 to 2021/22*.

*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the acute NHS Trusts in NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's geographical area, which are listed below along with their contract details for Freedom of Information requests:

- Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk
- Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust foi.enquiries@nhs.net

- East Cheshire NHS Trust ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net
- Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk
- Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust FOI@lwh.nhs.uk
- Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk
- Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust soh-tr.foi@nhs.net
- St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk
- Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust WHH.FOI@nhs.net
- Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust wih-tr.AccesstoInformationOffice@nhs.net