

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 17-214**

Date 27 April 2017

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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1. Do you have a written or unwritten agreement between your Trust and any private healthcare provider to provide: (If you answered yes, please provide further details, including stating the name of the private healthcare provider and frequency with which services are provided)**

	Yes/No	Further Details
<b>On call junior doctor cover in the form of telephone advice or clinical review?</b>	No	Not applicable
<b>On call specialist advice from consultants?</b>	No	Not applicable
<b>Access to imaging, pathology or other diagnostics?</b>	Yes	Imaging - The Trust uses InHealth to undertake MRI and CT imaging weekly. Reporting – The Trust uses TMC to deliver out of hours reporting of emergency CT and MRI scans.
<b>Elective admission<sup>[1]</sup> of patients from private facilities?</b>	No	Not applicable
<b>Other clinical advice or support?</b>	No	(please specify which other clinical advice or support)

**If you answered yes to any of the above, please also complete table 2.**

<sup>[1]</sup> Elective Admission, "when the decision to admit could be separated in time from the actual admission" (HES Data Dictionary definition)

**2. How are the services paid for? (please put 'x' in the relevant column, and if possible state the annual value of the contract)**

	<b>Cost per case</b>	<b>Block annual contract</b>	<b>Other, please specify</b>
<b>on call junior doctor cover in the form of telephone advice or clinical review</b>	Not applicable		
<b>on call specialist advice from consultants</b>	Not applicable		
<b>access to imaging, pathology or other diagnostics</b>	This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. <b>Section 43</b> of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time.		
<b>elective transfer of patients from private facilities</b>	Not applicable		
<b>other clinical advice or support</b>	Not applicable		

In relation to Section 43 of the FOI act applied to table 2, when assessing whether or not it was in the public interest to disclose the information to you, we took into account the following factors:

**Public interest considerations favouring disclosure**

There is a public interest in disclosing information to facilitate accountability and transparency in the spending of public money.

There is a public interest in ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly.

There is also a public interest in ensuring that this is competition for public sector contracts.

**Public interest considerations favouring withholding the information**

Against disclosure is that the release of the requested information is commercially sensitive in that disclosing this information would reduce the number of companies willing to do business with the public sector, leading to reduced competition and increased costs.

Against disclosure is the public interest is the potential that by releasing the requested information would or would prejudice someone's commercial interests i.e. damage a company's reputation or the confidence that customers, suppliers or investors may have in a company.

We have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the requested information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, I have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information. We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Sections 43 of the Freedom of Information Act at this time.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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