FOI 2256

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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. Do you currently have a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in place? (Y/N) No
2. If the answer to question 1 is yes: N/A
3. Is the CDC operated in-house or by a third-party?
4. If the CDC is operated by a third-party, which partner(s) are involved in the operation of the CDC?
5. If the answer to question 1 is no:
6. Are you exploring the option of setting up a CDC? (Y/N) Yes
7. If the answer to question 3a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N) No
8. How many of the following scanners do you currently operate within your Trust?

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|  |  | Total number excluding those located within your CDC(s) | Number located within your CDC(s) [if applicable] |
| #scanners | MRI | 6 |  |
| CT | 5 |  |

1. Have you used a mobile MRI or CT service (that you operate or a third-party operates) in the last three years? (Y/N) Yes
2. If the answer to question 5 is yes:
3. Approximately how many scans were undertaken on mobile scanners in the years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23?

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|  | | MRI | CT |
| Mobile service used in the last three years? (Y/N) | |  |  |
| Approximate total # scans undertaken on a mobile scanner by year | 2020/21 |  | 6000 |
| 2021/22 | 3000 | 7300 |
| 2022/23 | 3100 | 9075 |

1. Why have you used mobile scanning services over the last three years (please select all that apply)?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Reason | | CT | MRI |
| Interim capacity | To provide interim scanning capacity during the installation of new scanners/ replacement of scanners within a hospital setting (Y/N) |  |  |
| To provide interim scanning capacity during the set-up of Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) (Y/N) |  |  |
| Routine ad-hoc additional capacity | To provide ad-hoc additional overflow capacity at times of high demand (Y/N) |  |  |
| Routine ongoing additional capacity | To provide ongoing additional capacity in a hospital setting |  |  |
| To provide ongoing additional capacity in a community setting (Y/N) |  |  |
| Other (please specify) [free text] | |  |  |

1. If you are using mobile scanning services to provide routine ongoing additional capacity, what is the primary reason for using a mobile service rather than installing a static scanner within your Trust/CDC?

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|  | MRI | CT |
| Lacking sufficient capital budget to acquire a new scanner (Y/N) |  |  |
| There isn’t enough space to install an additional permanent scanner (Y/N) |  |  |
| Scan volumes are not high enough to make the purchase of an additional scanner cost-effective (Y/N) |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |

1. Do you use any third-party providers for the provision of MRI or CT mobile scanning services and, if so, which providers and do they provide services for your CDC(s) as well (if applicable)?

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|  | Provider name | Provide mobile MRI services (Y/N) | Provide mobile CT services (Y/N) | Provide mobile MRI or CT services within your CDC(s) (if applicable); (Y/N) |
| Provider 1 |  |  | Diagnostic Healthcare | N/A |
| [Add more if required] |  |  | Probo Medical | N/A |

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Yours sincerely,

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