

30 April 2019

Our Ref: RFI 28175

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Radiology Reporting**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 2 April 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Kelly
Information Governance Assistant

Q1. Does your Trust Outsource Radiology Reporting (Diagnosis)? If yes which Reporting Houses do they use?

A1. The Trust uses Alliance Medical and Everlight Radiology.

Q2. In the last financial year what % of Radiology Reporting (Diagnosis) has been outsourced to companies such as 4ways, Medica, Everlight and Telemedicine.

A2. In the last financial year 1.4% has been outsourced to companies.

Q3. What was the total spend in the last financial year for the outsourcing of Radiology Reporting (Diagnosis).

A3. The total spend in the last financial year for outsourcing was £567,890.

Q4. Has the Trust previously used the Health Trust Europe (HTE) Framework to purchase services within the Trust.

A4. No, the Trust has not used Health Trust Europe (HTE) Framework to purchase services.