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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2641

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Homerton hospital's imaging service.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. Total number of and the manufacturer and model number(s) of each individual:

- o MRI scanner
- o CT scanner
- o PET scanner
- o SPECT scanner
- o Ultrasound scanner
- o Flexible Endoscope [An estimate of the number and predominant manufacturer brand will suffice]
- o Catheter Lab X-ray machines

Data may be available from radiology or purchasing/contracting departments. You did provide MRI and CT scanner manufacturers in a previous request, but we did not request model numbers. Might be difficult for flexible endoscopes, an estimate and the predominant brand/supplier will suffice.

2. The year each individual scanner was purchased, the purchase method, cost and the scheduled replacement year for each individual:

- o MRI scanner*
- o CT scanner*
- o PET scanner
- o SPECT scanner

Purchase methods include:

- o *Trust Purchase – trust outright bought the machine and is sole owner.*

- o Lease – trust pays an annual rental fee to the supplier.
- o Managed Equipment Services (MES) – Single contract with an MES provider including leasing and maintenance.
- o Charity Purchase – donated by an associated charity.
- o Private Finance Initiative (PFI) – purchase is financed by a PFI scheme.

Please state the total cost for trust purchases and annual payments if lease or MES.

**You have provided this for CT and MRI in a previous request so you may ignore this, if there have been no changes since January 2016.*

Please indicate if equipment was purchased through a group purchasing organisation (e.g. NHS Supply Chain, East England Procurement Hub), a procurement framework or procured by the trust's own framework.

3. How each of the following equipment has been purchased (e.g. contract with OEM, NHS Supply Chain catalogue) and how often they are replaced on average:

- o Ultrasound scanner
- o Sets of Flexible Endoscopes
- o Catheter Lab CT machines

Data may be available from purchasing/contracting department.

See above for purchase methods.

An estimate of how often the trust aims to replace the listed equipment would be useful (e.g. once every 2 years).

4. The maintenance provider (e.g. the OEM or a third party) and the annual maintenance cost (if applicable) for each individual:

- o MRI scanner*
- o CT scanner*
- o PET scanner
- o SPECT scanner
- o Ultrasound scanner
- o Catheter Lab CT machines

Data may be available from purchasing/contracting department.

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Might be done by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (e.g. Siemens maintenance for a Siemens MRI machine) or a third party. If so, please state the provider name.

If no listed maintenance provider, please state – possibly the case for ultrasound.

5. Staffed hours for each individual: (Please note which of the individual scanners are available 24/7 for A&E purposes.)

- MRI scanner*
- CT scanner*
- PET scanner
- SPECT scanner

Data may be available from radiology department.

Please state hours each scanner is manned. (e.g. 9am – 6pm, Mon-Fri). Scanners used by A&E departments presumably must be 24/7, so please indicate these where relevant.

6. Number of scans/procedures performed annually in period financial year 2005/06 - 2015/16 for the following: [See the attachment for the relevant OPCS and modality ID codes].

- MRI scans*
- CT scans*
- PET scans*
- SPECT scans*
- Ultrasound scans
- Endoscopy procedures (Upper GI, Lower GI and Urological)
- Cardiac Angiography and Angioplasty procedures
- Cardiac Electrophysiology procedures

Data may be available from Radiology Information System (RIS), possibly obtainable from head of radiology.

**For MRI, CT, PET and SPECT these may be covered by submissions to HSCIC for the Diagnostic Imaging Dataset (DID) (<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/did>), but we are looking for more granular data by individual machine if possible.*

7. Number of scans/procedures performed by external providers on behalf of the trust in this same period. How much was paid per scan/procedures on average? Please list by external provider name. For the following:

- MRI scans
- CT scans
- PET scans
- SPECT scans
- Ultrasound scans

- o Endoscopy procedures (Upper GI, Lower GI and Urological)
- o Cardiac Angiography and Angioplasty procedures
- o Cardiac Electrophysiology procedures

Number of activities performed by an external provider (NHS or Non-NHS), data may be collected by CCGs.

8. Average cost per scan from by year for the period 2005/06 – 2015/16 for the following:

- o MRI scans
- o CT scans
- o PET scans
- o SPECT scans

Data may be available from person responsible for collecting NHS reference cost data.

9. The provider of tracers for PET (e.g. FDG) and annual spend on tracers.

Data may be available from purchasing/contracting department.

In relations to the above request, the Trust has carried out an assessment, calculating how long it would take to provide you with this information and have estimated that it will take longer than 18 hours to complete this exercise. This is based on the fact that it will include manually trawling through the records held on the Trust's systems and converting the data into a reportable format. Consequently it would cost more than the 'appropriate time limit' to respond to your request and we are therefore applying the relevant exemption under section 12 of the act.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for public sector organisations is set at £450.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk, in the first instance. If following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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