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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/034**  
**Radiology Systems**

**Information Requested:**

**1. What is the main Radiology (RIS/CRIS) system that your Trust/Health Board runs?**

Welsh Radiology Information System (WRIS2)

**a. Who is the supplier of this system?**

Provided by Digital Health Care Wales (DHCW)

**b. What is the annual cost of the system?**

After considering your request, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) considers this information to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Section 43) Commercial Interests. This section of the Act sets out an exemption from the right to know if:

- the information requested is a trade secret, or
- release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

This exemption was considered by the UHB when deciding whether to disclose information because it considered that in doing so there could be a significant risk in prejudicing the commercial interests of both Cardiff University and the UHB. As this is a qualified exemption, the UHB is required to complete a public interest test in deciding whether it is in the public's interest to withhold or disclose the information.

**In favour of disclosure:** There is a public interest in transparency and in the accountability of spending of public funds. Furthermore, it is in the public's interest that public funds be used effectively and that public sector bodies obtain the best value for money when contracting for the provision of services.

**Against disclosure:** It has been established that releasing the information sought under the Freedom of Information Act, to which the UHB is subject, will give an unfair advantage to the supplier's competitors. There is a risk of disclosure prejudicing the commercial interests of the UHB by affecting its bargaining position with suppliers. This in turn could lead to less effective use of public funds in future. The UHB believes that there is wider established public interest in suppliers not being



prejudiced merely because they have contracted with a public sector body (as upheld in ICO decision notice FS50473543 ICO v Royal Marsden Hospital Trust).

**Decision:** The UHB considers that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the interests in disclosing it and thereby giving unfair commercial advantage to competitors of the supplier to which this information concerns. The UHB believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging companies from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Board's ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. It was therefore decided that it was not in the public's interest to disclose this information.

**c. How long is the contract for the system, and when does it expire?**

The UHB does not hold this information. However, under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, I can inform you that Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) may be able to answer this request. Please see the link below for DHCW's contact information:

<https://dhw.nhs.wales/use-of-site/freedom-of-information/>

**d. What is the overall lifetime cost of the system?**

Please see above.

**2. What is the main Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) system that your Trust/Health Board runs?**

Fuji PACS

**a. Who is the supplier of this system?**

Provided by Digital Health Care Wales (DHCW)

**b. What is the annual cost of the system?**

Please see question 1b.





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**c. How long is the contract for the system, and when does it expire?**

Please see question 1c.

**d. What is the overall lifetime cost of the system?**

Please see above.

**3. What is the main Pathology (LIMS) system that your Trust/Health Board runs?**

Welsh Laboratory Information System (WLIMS)

**a. Who is the supplier of this system?**

Please see above.

**b. What is the annual cost of the system?**

Please see above

**c. How long is the contract for the system, and when does it expire?**

Please see above.

**d. What is the overall lifetime cost of the system?**

Please see above.

