

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/549
Diagnostic Imaging Equipment and Servicing

Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding diagnostic imaging equipment and servicing. **Please provide answers on the attached and accompanying Excel spreadsheet.**

Note we are only interested in collecting information relevant to standalone diagnostic machines installed across the Health Board across the following modalities: a) X-Ray (mobile and static) (b) CT (c) MRI and (d) Ultrasound. We are not interested in collecting information about ancillary components you may have installed such as stands / tables / collimators etc.

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the senior officer(s) responsible for procuring diagnostic equipment and maintenance services in the Health Board
2. For each of the following modalities (A) X-Ray (B) CT (C) MRI and (D) Ultrasound, please provide an inventory of the machines installed across the Health Board, specifying:
 - a) The name of the device manufacturer and supplier (if different to manufacturer)
 - b) The date of manufacture
 - c) The date of installation
 - d) The equipment age
 - e) The planned replacement date
 - f) The name of the maintenance and repair provider
 - g) The start and end date of the warranty period
 - h) The procurement route used to purchase the device*
 - i) Procurement contract start and end date (if applicable)
 - j) Maintenance and servicing agreement start and end date

*E.g. Direct purchase; Procurement framework (please specify name e.g., NHS supply chain); Lease finance; Managed Equipment Service (MED); Third party joint-venture; Commercial loan finance

Response Details:

1. After considering your request for the name and contact details of the senior officer responsible for this procurement, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) believes that the data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018. Its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

The UHB can, however, confirm that the job title is Assistant Head of Operational Procurement.

2. In completing a search for the information requested, the UHB has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within Regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within Regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the Fees Regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The Fees Regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.