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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 180-2020**

Thank you for your email dated the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020, requesting information in relation to usage of laboratory and oncology information systems.

The information that you require is as follows:

**Laboratory information system**

- 1. Which laboratory information system do you use in your hospital?**  
**Not Applicable, the Trust does not have an in-house laboratory information system. The Trust's laboratory services are provided by other Trusts within the Cheshire and Merseyside Region**
- 2. How is the laboratory information solution usually procured (e.g. tender, spot purchase, etc.)?**  
**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 1**
- 3. Who is in charge of making the procurement decisions for laboratory information systems (free choice or central directions)?**  
**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 1**
- 4. When did the on-going contract for the used laboratory information system start?**  
**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 1**
- 5. When will the on-going contract for the used laboratory information system end?**  
**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 1**

6. How frequent are contracts for laboratory information systems renewed?  
**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 1**
7. How are you paying for the usage of the laboratory information system (e.g. on-off payment, recurring annual payments etc.)?  
**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 1**
8. In case there was an on-off payment - How much did you pay for the laboratory information system?  
**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 1**
9. In case there are recurring payments - How much do you pay per year for the laboratory information system?  
**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 1**

### Oncology information system

1. Which oncology information system do you use in your hospital?  
**The Trust uses Meditech EPR.**
2. How is the oncology information solution usually procured (e.g. tender, spot purchase, etc.)?  
**Through a competitive tender process**
3. Who is in charge of making the procurement decisions for oncology information systems (free choice or central directions)?  
**This is through a multi-disciplinary approach e.g. clinicians, managers, IM&T etc.**
4. When did the on-going contract for the used oncology information system start?  
**The contract started in 2014.**
5. When will the on-going contract for the used oncology information system end?  
**The contract will end in 2024.**
6. How frequent are contracts for oncology information systems renewed?  
**The contracts are renewed every 10 Years.**
7. How are you paying for the usage of the oncology information system (e.g. on-off payment, recurring annual payments etc.)?  
**The Trust paid a one-off capital payment and also pays recurring annual payments.**

**8. In case there was an on-off payment - How much did you pay for the oncology information system?**

**The one-off payment was £4,661,982.**

**9. In case there are recurring payments - How much do you pay per year for the oncology information system?**

**The annual payments are £270, 358.**

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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