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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3677-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 22 November 2023.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold all of the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

I would like to request information related to MRI machines, on which prostate cancer MRIs take place, in community diagnostic centres that are in operation in your area.

1. I am requesting under the Freedom of Information Act a list of all the community diagnostic centres and their addresses in your area (both operational and any being developed), as well as the number of MRI machines at each diagnostic centre, and the age/date installed, make, manufacturer and specification of the MRI machines (e.g. installed in Dec 2022, GE Signa Architect, 3.0T) and if any AI software is installed and in use on them.

FGH – Furness General Hospital, Dalton Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 4LF

Spoke Community Diagnostic Centres MR mobile, one scanner currently delivering CDC activity until the new CDC MR is installed in 2024. This is a Siemens Aera model and was introduced in Oct 21, it's a leased staffed scanner owned by Diagnostic Healthcare, it is not used for prostate MR scanning.

The new MR Community Diagnostic Centres scanner, one scanner, at FGH, to be implemented in 2024 is a Siemens Altea and will have Deep resolve and Turbo suite excellence technology installed. This scanner will provide MR prostate scanning.

WGH – Westmorland General Hospital, Burton Road, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 7RG

The Hub Community Diagnostic Centres MR scanner, one scanner, is due to be commissioned in August 2024, it is a Siemens Altea and will have Deep resolve and Turbo suite excellence technology installed. This scanner will provide MR prostate scanning.

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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