

Title CDC / Mobile MRI & CT Service

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

1. Do you currently have a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in place? (Y/N)
Northern Service – No
Eastern Service - Yes

2. If the answer to question 1 is yes:
 - a. Is the CDC operated in-house or by a third-party?
Eastern Service - Operated/hosted In-house, however some services are outsourced
 - b. If the CDC is operated by a third-party, which partner(s) are involved in the operation of the CDC?
Eastern Service - Agito/Medneo/Alliance/Peninsula

3. If the answer to question 1 is no:
 - a. Are you exploring the option of setting up a CDC? - No in the Northern Service.
 - b. If the answer to question 3a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N) N/A.

4. How many of the following scanners do you currently operate within your Trust?

		Northern service	Eastern Service	Northern Service	Easter Service
		Total number excluding those located within your CDC(s)	Total number excluding those located within your CDC(s)	Number located within your CDC(s) [if applicable]	Number located within your CDC(s) [if applicable]
# scanners	MRI	1	3.6	0	1.4
	CT	2	3	0	3

- 5 Have you used a mobile MRI or CT service (that you operate or a third-party operates) in the last three years? Yes
- 6 If the answer to question 5 is yes:
 a. Approximately how many scans were undertaken on mobile scanners in the years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23?

Eastern Response			
		MRI	CT
Mobile service used in the last three years? (Y/N)			
Approximate total # scans undertaken on a mobile scanner by year	2020/21	4291	903
	2021/22	9347	5424
	2022/23	13186	12205

Northern Response			
		MRI	CT
Mobile service used in the last three years? (Y/N)			
Approximate total # scans undertaken on a mobile scanner by year	2020/21	1071	6302
	2021/22	2937	2946
	2022/23	3570	3016

B Why have you used mobile scanning services over the last three years (please select all that apply)?

Reason		CT	MRI
Interim capacity	To provide interim scanning capacity during the installation of new scanners/ replacement of scanners within a hospital setting (Y/N)	Northern No Eastern - Yes	Northern No Eastern - Yes
	To provide interim scanning capacity during the set-up of Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) (Y/N)	Northern No Eastern - Yes	Northern No Eastern - Yes
Routine ad-hoc additional capacity	To provide ad-hoc additional overflow capacity at times of high demand (Y/N)	No	NO
Routine ongoing	To provide ongoing additional capacity in a hospital setting	Yes	Yes

additional capacity	To provide ongoing additional capacity in a community setting (Y/N)		
Other (please specify) [free text]			

C If you are using mobile scanning services to provide routine ongoing additional capacity, what is the primary reason for using a mobile service rather than installing a static scanner within your Trust/CDC?

	MRI	CT
Lacking sufficient capital budget to acquire a new scanner (Y/N)	YES	YES
There isn't enough space to install an additional permanent scanner (Y/N)	<i>Northern No Eastern - Yes</i>	<i>Northern No Eastern - Yes</i>
Scan volumes are not high enough to make the purchase of an additional scanner cost-effective (Y/N)	NO	NO
Other (please specify)	Staffing requirements and availability / lead times for equipment	Staffing requirements and availability / lead times for equipment

D Do you use any third-party providers for the provision of MRI or CT mobile scanning services and, if so, which providers and do they provide services for your CDC(s) as well (if applicable)?

	Provider name	Provide mobile MRI services (Y/N)	Provide mobile CT services (Y/N)	Provide mobile MRI or CT services within your CDC(s) (if applicable); (Y/N)
Provider 1 – Northern service	INHEALTH	YES	YES	N/A
Eastern service	Agito	YES	YES	YES
Eastern service	Medneo	YES	YES	YES
Eastern service	Alliance	YES	YES	YES