

## Radiology Expenses

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

### **Request and Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response**

1. How many radiology consultants had a substantive contract with the authority as at 28th February 2022.

**22 radiology consultants had a substantive contract with the authority as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

2. During the period 1st April 2021 to 28th February 2022, how much did the authority spend, in addition to the salaries of substantive consultants, on the reporting of radiology cases, within the following categories of spend:

- d) Payments for locum radiologists

**£0.00 was paid for locum Radiologists.**

- e) Additional payments to substantive radiologists employed by the authority for work in addition to their contracted programmed activities (PAs)

**£277,480 worth of additional payments were paid to substantive Radiologists.**

- f) Payments to companies who provide a radiology reporting service

**£437,983.60 was paid to companies providing a Radiology reporting service.**

3. During the period 1st April 2021 to 28th February 2022, how much did the authority spend with each of the following suppliers for the reporting of radiology cases:

**We can confirm that this information is held by the Trust, however, under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to release this data as it is commercially sensitive. This information is exempt as its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)**

**Consideration has had to be given to the need to ensure that the commercial interests of third parties are not prejudiced or undermined by disclosure of information which is not common knowledge. The disclosure of information relating to commercial matters could prejudice the**

**business interests of the below companies.**

- a) TMC, Telemedicine Clinic, or Unilabs:
  - b) Everlight:
  - c) Radiology Reporting Online:
  - d) 4Ways Healthcare:
  - e) Medica:
  - f) DMC, Dulwich Medical Centre:
  - g) Inhealth:
  - h) Alliance Healthcare:
3. How do the authority manage the potential conflict of interest which arises when substantive radiology consultants employed by the authority are involved in purchasing reporting services from the above mentioned suppliers, and are also paid by these suppliers to provide reporting services outside their contracted NHS hours. For example, company X suggests to consultant Y, employed by Trust Z, that if consultant Y gives company X a contract to provide reporting services to Trust Z, that company X may employ consultant Y to undertake reporting work through company X for Trusts A, B, C. Please indicate which of the following apply:

**Statements A applies - the Trust wouldn't involve radiologists when making these decisions.**

- a) The Authority doesn't recognise this as a risk.**
- b) The authority recognises this as a risk but doesn't take steps to manage this risk.
- c) The authority recognises this as a risk and requires all substantive consultants to declare any conflicts of interest.
- d) The authority recognises this as a risk and requires all substantive consultants to declare any conflicts of interest and requires these consultants to disclose the source of all income in addition to their NHS salary.
- e) The authority recognises this as a risk and requires all substantive consultants to declare any conflicts of interest.
- f) The authority recognises this as a risk and takes other steps to manage this risk – please explain.



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