

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be answered

1. In this health board, how many scans* were sent to private Teleradiology providers or commercial imaging companies for analysis** during the 2021-22 financial year? Please also provide the data for 2022/23 so far, as well as the 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19 financial years. Please express your response both in numerical terms and as a percentage of the total number of scans undertaken during that year.

38 (100%) for 2021-22

None for 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2022-23

2. In this health board, where scans were sent to private Teleradiology providers or commercial imaging companies for analysis during the 2021-22 financial year, please confirm how many of those scans were sent abroad for review. Please express your response both in numerical terms and as a percentage of the total number of scans sent to Teleradiology providers or commercial imaging companies. Where this has occurred, please outline which countries the scans were sent to. Please also provide the data for 2022/23 so far, as well as the 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19 financial years.

None.

3. In this health board, where scans were sent to private Teleradiology providers or commercial imaging companies for analysis during the 2021-22 financial year, what was the cost associated with those contracts in pounds sterling? Please also provide the data for 2022/23 so far, as well as the 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19 financial years.

£1,132.94 is for year 2021/2022

£0 2019-19

£0 2019-20

£0 2020-21

£0 2022-23

* I am defining 'scans' as: X-rays, CT scans and MRI scans.

** I am defining 'sent to private Teleradiology providers or commercial imaging companies' as: the practice whereby health boards subcontract a proportion of the scanning review and analysis workload to providers out with the health board or wider NHS.