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Dear Mr Kudra,

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With reference to your Freedom of Information request, please see below the information in response to your queries:

- 1. How many radiology consultants had a substantive contract with the authority as at 28th February 2022.
 - 84 Radiology Consultants on a substantive contract.
- 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

For the period 1st April 2021 to 28th February 2022, there was expenditure of approximately £143,000 spent on locum radiologists.

Please note this information was taken from the financial ledger at YTD M11 2021/22, however the Trust is unable to determine if this total is solely relating to the "reporting of radiology cases" as per the question.

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

Additional Programmed Activities: £589,207

ECLs: £723,600

Please note that this was taken from the YTD M11 2021/22 payroll file, selecting the pay description "additional payments". The Trust has also







included ECL payments as it is believed these to be above and beyond contracted activities.

f) Payments to companies who provide a radiology reporting service

The Trust use the supplier "4Ways".

- 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:
 - a) TMC, Telemedicine Clinic, or Unilabs
 - b) Everlight
 - c) Radiology Reporting Online
 - **d) 4Ways Healthcare -** £1,560,000
 - e) Medica
 - f) DMC, Dulwich Medical Centre
 - g) Inhealth £381,000
 - h) Alliance Healthcare £103,000 (costs for supplier Alliance Medical Ltd)

Please note that where no value has been provided, the Trust have not incurred any spend. Costs extracted based on invoices received for the period M1-M1 2021/22.

- 4. 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:
 - 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.
 - 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.

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Yours sincerely

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