

Reference: FOI.ICB-2627/073

Subject: Diagnostic Imaging Services

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Please provide a list of all current contracts held by the Integrated Care Board (ICB) with independent sector providers for diagnostic imaging services, specifically covering MRI, CT, ultrasound and reporting services. For each contract, please include the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The name of the supplier or provider A description of the services covered by the contract (e.g. MRI, CT, ultrasound, reporting) The annual value of the contract (£) The contract starts date (DD/MM/YYYY) The contract expiry date (DD/MM/YYYY) Details of any extension options included within the contract (e.g. duration, conditions) 	<p>Practice Plus Group – Emersons Green & Devizes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Practice Plus Group – Emersons Green & Devizes Direct access diagnostics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> X-ray MRI Ultrasound These are zero valued contract with no guarantees as to volume or payment. 1 April 2025 31 March 2026 - 2026-27 Contract to be issued for signature No extension options <p>Practice Plus Group – Shepton Mallett</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Practice Plus Group (Shepton Mallett) - BNSSG is an associate commissioner, Somerset ICB is lead commissioner Diagnostic Imaging Service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> X-Ray (digital) ultrasound

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) • DEXA Scanning • Doppler Studies and Vascular Assessments (<i>BNSSG excluded</i>) • Echocardiograms • CT scanning • Audiology <p>c. These are zero valued contract with no guarantees as to volume or payment.</p> <p>d. 1 April 2017</p> <p>e. 31 March 2024</p> <p>f. Currently within option to extend 24 months ending March 27</p> <p>Specific 'reporting' services are not commissioned although reporting on diagnostics is included in all the above services.</p>
<p>2. Does the ICB currently operate or commission any Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs)? If so, for each CDC, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The full postal address or location b. The imaging capacity by modality (i.e. number of MRI, CT, ultrasound scans that can be performed per week/month) c. The average utilisation rate for each modality over the past three months (expressed as a percentage or number of appointments used versus available capacity) 	<p>BNSSG ICB does not operate or hold the contract for either of the two CDCs in the BNSSG footprint that provide services to BNSSG patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Bristol CDC (BS34 5TL) contract is held by North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) and delivered by InHealth. For Information, please contact FOIArequests@nbt.nhs.uk - Weston CDC (BS23 3RX) contract is held by University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) and delivered by InHealth. For information, please contact FreedomOfInfo@uhbw.nhs.uk

<p>d. Details of any imaging services that have been underutilised in the past six months (including modality and period of underutilisation)</p>	<p>Sulis provide diagnostic services for BNSSG patients from the following CDC which is commissioned by Bath, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) ICB who hold information for this service and can be contacted here: Freedom of information - Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire ICB</p> <p>Sulis CDC Sulis Hospital Bath Foxcote Ave Peasedown St John Bath BA2 8SQ</p>
<p>3. Is the ICB planning any procurement exercises for diagnostic imaging services within the next 12 to 24 months? If yes, please specify:</p> <p>a. The imaging modality (e.g. MRI, CT, ultrasound) b. The anticipated timeline for procurement (e.g. planned start date, expected award date)</p>	<p>Not applicable for the following providers; their contracts are awarded under Public Service Regulations 2023 Direct Award B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Plus Group – Emersons Green & Devizes • Practice Plus Group – Shepton Mallett
<p>4. Are any current diagnostic imaging service contracts under review for re-procurement, outsourcing, insourcing, or provider consolidation?</p> <p>If so, please list the affected services and describe the nature of the review.</p>	<p>No</p>

<p>5. Please state the total spend by the ICB on independent sector diagnostic imaging services for the financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26.</p> <p>Where possible, break down spend by modality (MRI, CT, ultrasound, reporting).</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Modality</th> <th>2024/25</th> <th>2025/26</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CT</td> <td>£80.45</td> <td>£83.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ultrasound</td> <td>£76,461.54</td> <td>£74,310.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MRI</td> <td>£7,059.45</td> <td>£6,652.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X-Ray</td> <td>£390.70</td> <td>£161.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td>£83,992.14</td> <td>£81,207.18</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Modality	2024/25	2025/26	CT	£80.45	£83.52	Ultrasound	£76,461.54	£74,310.04	MRI	£7,059.45	£6,652.30	X-Ray	£390.70	£161.32	Grand Total	£83,992.14	£81,207.18
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<p>6. Does the ICB anticipate increasing its use of independent sector diagnostic imaging services over the next 24 months?</p> <p>Please provide any supporting documents or board papers that outline plans or forecasts for increased utilisation.</p>	<p>No</p>																		

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 22 May 2026 and has been approved for release by Helena Fuller, Deputy Director of Business, Strategy and Planning for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.