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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to scanners.

Question 1

How many of the following scanners do you operate in your Trust?

Question 2

For each scanner, could you please fill in the table below with the requested information?

Question 3

Have you used a mobile MRI or CT scanner in the last 12 months? If yes, approximately how many scans were undertaken on a mobile scanner in the last 12 months, and which provider was used?

Question 4

If so, what was the primary reason for using mobile services? (Please allocate an approximate % if multiple reasons)

Question 5

If a mobile scanner has been used in the last 12 months:

– What is the main reason why a new static scanner has not been installed to serve this volume? (Please allocate an approximate % if multiple reasons)

Question 6

Is your Trust planning on installing a new scanner, a new mobile scanner or adding third-party operated scanners, in the next 12 months? If so, is this as a replacement for a scanner already in your Trust?

Question 7

How much do you spend on outsourced radiology reporting, by hospital (or across Trust if not broken down at hospital level)?

Please see the following tables:

Question 1

Scanner Type	Number of in-house operated scanners	Number of third-party operated scanners
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MRI	2	0
CT	4	0

Question 2

	Scanner Type [MRI/CT]	Original Equipment Manufacturer	Model	Year installed	Operated by [In-house/ Name of third party]	Expected replacement date
1	MRI	GE	3T	2009	In-house	Unknown
2	MRI	Phillips	3T	2011	In-house	Unknown
3	CT	Toshiba	320 slice	2013	In-house	Unknown
4	CT	Toshiba	64 slice	2006	In-house	Unknown
5	CT	Siemens	128 slice	2005	In-house	Unknown
6	CT	Siemens	128 slice	2013	In-house	Unknown
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Question 3

	MRI	CT
Have mobile scanners been used in last 12 months? [Y/N]	Yes	No
Number of scans undertaken on mobile scanner in last 12 months	4,680 (approximately)	
Mobile provider used [Name of provider]	Alliance Medical Limited	

Question 4

	MRI	CT
a. Short term capacity -	0%	N/A

static scanner broken		
b. Short-term capacity – static scanner being replaced or installed	0%	N/A
c. Not enough static/ in-house capacity	100%	N/A
d. Not enough staff capacity to operate scanners	0%	N/A
e. The mobile is used more like a permanent scanner i.e. it doesn't move week to week	0%	N/A
f. Other reason [Please enter]		

Question 5

	MRI	CT
i. Capex is too high	100%	N/A
ii. Not enough space in the Hospital	0%	N/A
iii. The current volumes cannot support a new static scanner	0%	N/A
iv. Other reason [Please enter]	0%	N/A

Question 6

	MRI	CT
New scanner installation planned in the next 12 months? [Y/N]	NO	NO

Question 7

Hospital	Outsourced MRI reporting spend	Outsourced CT reporting spend
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS	Approximately £144k	0