

Maidstone and 
Tunbridge Wells

NHS Trust

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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 MRI equipment and activity.

Please provide the total number of, the manufacturer, the model number(s), and the emplacement type of each individual MRI scanner used in the last year by your trust.

For each of the individual MRI scanner above, in which year was it purchased (or contracted), what was the purchase method, and the scheduled replacement year.

For each of the individual MRI scanner above, please provide the maintenance provider (if applicable).

Please provide the total number of MRI scanners in your trust (static sites only, excluding any mobile scanners), as well as the total number of days during which a MRI Mobile Scanner was used / contracted in your trust annually, for the period from financial year 2005/06 until 2015/16.

Where the number of static MRI scanners changed during a financial year, please list the number of static scanners in operation on 31st March for the year in question.

Please provide the number of MRI scans/procedures performed by external providers (3rd party providers, such as Alliance Medical, InHealth, etc.) on behalf of the trust over the same period.

How much was paid per scan/procedures on average, every year over the same period? Please list by external provider name.

Please detail the normal staffed hours of operation for each individual MRI scanner. In addition, please note which (if any) of the MRI scanners is available for emergency and urgent scanner (e.g. referrals from A&E or medical assessment unit).

Please provide the number of staff employed in your Imaging Department (FTEs = Full Time Equivalent), for each site you may operate, and whether the operation of the scanner(s) and the reporting are done in-house, partly outsourced to a third party provider (supplementing in-house staff) or fully outsourced to a third party provider.

Please describe the availability of free space you currently have within the radiology / imaging sites of your trust, and whether it would be sufficient to

add an additional MRI scanner (assuming an increase in demand would require one additional scanner).

Please provide the list of activities (clinical and non-clinical areas) for which your trust (partly) relies on the use of third party providers, and whether those activities have been outsourced to a third party provider outside the hospital ground or within the existing premises.

Please see the following tables:

1.

Modality:	MRI scanner	
Machine #:	#1	#2
Manufacturer & Model:	GE 3T HDXT	Phillips Achiva 3T
Emplacement Type ⁽¹⁾ :	Static	Static

2.

Modality:	MRI scanner	
Purchase Year:	2009	2011
Purchase Method ⁽²⁾ :	Trust	Trust
Name of Provider (if Lease, MES or Full-Service):	GE	Phillips
Replacement Year:	Unknown	Unknown

3.

Modality:	MRI scanner	
Maintenance Provider Type ⁽³⁾ :	OEM	OEM
Name of Maintenance Provider:	GE	Phillips

4.

Modality:	MRI scanners	
Emplacement Type:	Static (# of Scanners)	Mobile (# of Days Used)
2005/06	2	0
2006/07	2	0
2007/08	2	0
2008/09	2	0
2009/10	2	5

2010/11	2	2
2011/12	2	3
2012/13	2	4
2013/14	2	4
2014/15	2	4
2015/16	2	3

5.

	# of Scans	Price per Scan	Name of Provider
2005/06			
2006/07			
2007/08			
2008/09			
2009/10	6,500	£106	Alliance Medical
2010/11	2,600	£106	Alliance Medical
2011/12	3,900	£106	Alliance Medical
2012/13	5,600	£98	Alliance Medical
2013/14	5,600	£98	Alliance Medical
2014/15	6,200	£89	Alliance Medical
2015/16	4,680	£89	Alliance Medical

6.

Modality:	MRI scanner	
Manufacturer & Model (see Q1):	GE 3T HDXT	Phillips Achiva 3T
Staffed Hours Scanner per Planned-Elective Care (e.g. Mon - Fri, 8am - 6pm):	Mon - Fri, 8am - 6pm Sat-Sun 8am-3pm	Mon - Fri, 8am - 6pm Sat-Sun 8am-3pm
Available for Emergency and Urgent Scanning?	No	No

7.

Site:	Site 1	Site 2
Radiographers Activity ⁽⁴⁾ :	In-House (no Agency)	In-House (no Agency)
Number of Radiographers Employed (FTEs):	55	55
Reporting Activity ⁽⁴⁾ :	In-House (no Agency)	In-House (no Agency)

Number of Radiologists Employed (FTEs):	10	11
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Site:	Site 1	Site 2
Free Space Available within Existing Radiology / Imaging sites (approximately, in square meters)	0	0
Sufficient Physical Space for Additional Scanner? (Yes/No)	No	No

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Within vs. Outside Hospital:	Not Outsourced	Partly Outsourced – On Hospital Ground	Fully Outsourced – On Hospital Ground	Partly Outsourced – Outside Hospital	Fully Outsourced – Outside Hospital
Catering:	Yes	No	No	No	No
Cleaning:	No	Yes	No	No	No
Car Parking	No	No	Yes	No	No
Security	No	No	Yes	No	No
Pathology Labs:	No	No	No	Yes	No
Imaging:	No	No	No	Yes	No
Pharmacy:	Yes	No	No	No	No
Catheter Labs:	Yes	No	No	No	No
Surgery:	Yes	No	No	No	No
Other:	[Open Text]	[Open Text]	[Open Text]	[Open Text]	[Open Text]