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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 Imaging.

You asked:

- 1. What proportion of emergency department images (x-ray, CT, MRI) were reported within the four-hour target* in December 2018 and December 2019, categorised by each examination?*
- 2. What proportion of inpatient images (x-ray, CT, MRI) were reported within the 24-hour target**, in December 2018 and December 2019, categorised by each examination.*
- 3. How many radiology examinations (CT, MRI, x-ray) did your organisation conduct in 2018, 2019 and the first six months of 2020. Please can you provide the total number for each examination category for each year?*
- 4. Did you have a backlog of unreported radiology examinations (CT, MRI, x-ray) in 2018, 2019 and the first six months of 2020? Please can you provide the average number of unreported images for each examination category for each year?*

Trust response:

- 1) There is not a 4 hour target for radiology as well as A&E. The 4 hour target is from entering to leaving the department. If you want to know how many people had their images reported before they left A&E then that is theoretically possible but will not be within the scope of the maximum hours of an unpaid FOI to do.

We have assumed 'examination' to mean 'modality' so have complied the following-

- 1.

2018	
XR	35.65%
CT	82.71%
MR	37.21%
2019	78.70%
XR	46.92%
CT	89.61%
MR	38.46%

* Four-hour turnaround time for emergency department patients in line with In line with NHSE's four-hour A&E wait time standard

2.

2018	
XR	24.24%
CT	98.41%
MR	83.33%
2019	
XR	25.91%
CT	95.90%
MR	85.44%

** 24-hour reporting turnaround time for inpatient images, corresponding with NHS clinical standards for non-urgent inpatients

3.

	2018	2019	2020
CT	51186	53789	23019
MRI	26384	26340	10575
X-Ray	196115	197585	69222

4.

We do not keep rolling records of total numbers of unreported exams and are unable to quote a backlog figure.