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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 MRIs for overweight patients.

You asked:

Please include the information for each of the following financial years; 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22:

- 1. The number of patients within the remit of the Trust who have had to be sent to an external, or alternative MRI machine due to being overweight*
- 2. The annual cost of using these alternative or external MRIs*
- 3. Where the MRIs are (for example, at specialist hospitals)*

Trust response:

This information is not held centrally in a reportable format. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with of your request and we will not be processing your request further.