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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 imaging.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

- 1. For the calendar year of 2023, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?*
- 2. For the calendar year of 2023, please could you give a breakdown of the individual MRI examinations performed into body part/area? For instance, how many brain scans, spine scans etc. I am happy with whichever body part description is input in the PACS system.*
- 3. As of the start of 2024, what would the waiting time be (in weeks) for a routine MRI scan (for example how long would a patient have to wait if they were referred for a routine MRI scan of their knee)?*
- 4. How much money was paid to private companies during the calendar year 2023 for the outsourcing of MRI either to mobile MRI units, private hospitals or private companies staffing hospital scanners to scan NHS patients?*
- 5. From question 4 which companies were used and how many patients were scanned?*
- 6. How many MRI scanners does the Trust own?*
- 7. From question 6 could I please have the manufacturer, model, and date of install of the MRI scanners?*

Trust response:

- 39,705
- please see the following table:

Examination	Number
MRA Aorta	4
MRA Carotid	2
MRA Head	195

MRA Neck	20
MRA Renal	41
MRA Spine	1
MRCP	1549
MRI Abdomen	1024
MRI Achilles	2
MRI Adrenal	103
MRI Anal sphincter	3
MRI Ankle	572
MRI Aorta	7
MRI Arthrogram	46
MRI Axilla	20
MRI Brachial plexus	52
MRI Brachytherapy planning	21
MRI Brain volume	97
MRI Breast	485
MRI Buttock	5
MRI Calcaneus	1
MRI cardiac and hepatic iron load	1
MRI Cerebrospinal fluid flow	1
MRI Cervix	53
MRI Clavicle	13
MRI Diffusion weighted	1975
MRI Elbow	106
MRI Face	12
MRI Femur	83
MRI Fingers	42
MRI Floor of mouth	27
MRI Foot	502
MRI Forearm	18
MRI Groin	8
MRI Guid Vac Ass core needle bx	5
MRI Guided core biopsy	6
MRI Hand	110
MRI Head	9503
MRI Heart	5
MRI Hip	397
MRI IAM	1545
MRI Knee	1913
MRI Liver	994
MRI Lower leg (inc limb)	119
MRI Lumbar spine (plus other areas)	33
MRI Mastoid	8
MRI Multiparametric prostate	6
MRI Neck	1694

MRI Orbit	371
MRI Pancreas	116
MRI Parotid	8
MRI Pelvis (plus other areas, inc gynae, prostate, recturm and SIJ)	6008
MRI Pituitary	721
MRI Post nasal space	1
MRI Radiotherapy planning	11
MRI Renal	104
MRI Salivary glands	1
MRI Scaphoid	8
MRI Shoulder	827
MRI Sinuses	488
MRI Skull base	6
MRI Small bowel study	718
MRI Spine (all areas)	6382
MRI Sternoclavicular joint	8
MRI Sternum	5
MRI Temporomandibular joint	13
MRI Thigh	33
MRI Thorax	50
MRI Thumb	18
MRI Thyroid	1
MRI Tongue	1
MRI Trigeminal nerve	10
MRI Upper arm (inc limb)	53
MRI Urinary bladder	24
MRI Urogram	4
MRI Whole body	10
MRI Wrist	218
MRV Cerebral veins	25
MRV Cranial	28
MRV Venogram	5
Total	<b>39705</b>

3. The Trust would no longer have that information as the MRI service for the Trust is now provided by In-Health.

4. Exemption 43 is being applied to this question.

5. The contract with In-Health came in to effect on February 2023. We are unable to split the figures.

6. Two

7. Achieva 3T Philips 2011 and Sola 1.5T Siemens 2021