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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012333 – X-Rays**

What is the number of x-rays and CT scans, is required before harm will come to a patient?

How many per week, per month, per year on CT scans and x-rays

There is no definitive number.

How does the hospital manage a patient with recurrent dislocation that requires frequent x-rays?

Surgeons treat the patient. If someone has a dislocated joint then an xray is indicated to confirm dislocation to avoid possible unnecessary intervention. A patient would have an xray after intervention to confirm that the dislocation has been reduced.

Does the trust or radiology department put a ban on x-ray or CT scans with patients with recurrent dislocations?

No

Is stopping x-rays and CT scans when required is in the best interest of the patient and how dangerous is it?

All Examination are justified under THE IONISING RADIATION (MEDICAL EXPOSURE) REGULATIONS 2000, therefore the only time we would not scan or X-ray a patient is if the request was deemed inappropriate.

When does the Trust put restrictions or ban on x-rays and CT scans on a patient?

There is no ban on the number of CTs or X-rays a patient can have.  
Individual examinations are Justified under THE IONISING RADIATION (MEDICAL EXPOSURE) REGULATIONS 2000