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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014316 – MRI scans and obesity

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

a) How many MRI scans were aborted for reasons related to the patient being too large or heavy to use the scanner for each of the last three financial years (April 1 2015 - March 31 2016, April 1 2016 - March 31 2017, April 1 2017 - March 31 2018) and between April 2018 and the current date if recorded.

From April 2015 to March 2018 there were 15 scans aborted. Due to the low numbers across some of the years the Trust has grouped together the numbers and has not split by year.

b) i) Has your you trust purchased extra-large scanners (if information held) ? (The hole size of standard scanner measures 68cm (26in) and some hospitals put a 25-stone (158kg) limit on patients using them.) - NO

ii) How much money was spent purchasing these extra-large scanners (if information held)? - N/A