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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

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?

Response

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| <p>1. For the calendar year of 2023, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?</p> | <p>25458</p> | | |
| <p>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</p> | <p>Body_Area_Name</p> | <p>Total</p> | |
| | <p>Abdomen</p> | <p>6128</p> | |

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| <p>many brain scans, spine scans etc. I am happy with whichever body part description is input in the PACS system.</p> | <p>Ankle</p> <p>Arm</p> <p>Chest</p> <p>Elbow</p> <p>Feet</p> <p>Forearm</p> <p>Groin</p> <p>Hand</p> <p>Head</p> <p>Hips</p> <p>Knee</p> <p>Legs</p> <p>Lower Legs</p> <p>Neck</p> <p>Shoulder</p> <p>Wrist</p> <p>Other</p> | <p>415</p> <p>94</p> <p>1079</p> <p>67</p> <p>235</p> <p>11</p> <p>10</p> <p>92</p> <p>6992</p> <p>1871</p> <p>2417</p> <p>778</p> <p>119</p> <p>3117</p> <p>1612</p> <p>372</p> <p>49</p> | <p>Grand Total</p> <p>25458</p> |
| <p>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)?</p> | <p>5 weeks</p> | | |
| <p>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?</p> | <p>Jan 23 to Dec 23 was £341,144.23</p> | | |
| <p>5. From question 4 which companies were used and how many patients were scanned?</p> | <p>4 Ways</p> <p>Teleconsult UK</p> <p>Total scans performed - 9987</p> | | |
| <p>6. How many MRI scanners does the Trust own?</p> | <p>3</p> | | |
| <p>7. From question 6 could I please have the manufacturer, model, and date of install of the MRI scanners?</p> | <p>SIEMENS HEALTHCARE MRI SCANNER MAGNETOM AERA</p> <p>SIEMENS</p> | | |

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| | <p>HEALTHCARE MRI SCANNER MAGNETOM AERA</p> <p>SIEMENS HEALTHCARE MRI SCANNER MAGNETOM SKYRA 3.0 T</p> <p>Siemens AERA installed 2017 due to be replaced 2024 via PFI route.</p> |
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If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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