

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-004

19 January 2022

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

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NHS Trust - University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust

1. For the calendar year of 2021, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?

43,601

2. For the calendar year of 2021, 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.

Please see the attached document

3. As of the start of 2022, 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)?

6-9 weeks

4. How much money was paid to private companies during the calendar year 2021 for the outsourcing of MRI either to mobile MRI units, private hospitals or private companies staffing hospital scanners to scan NHS patients?

No money was paid to external companies to cover Cardiac MRI scans, companies were paid directly by the Clinical Commissioning Group

5. From question 4 which companies were used and how many patients were scanned?

Biobank - 4,676

Spire - 523

6. How many MRI scanners does the Trust own?

10

7. From question 6 could I please have the manufacturer, model, and date of install of the MRI scanners?

Siemen's Sola installed 2021

Siemen's Skyra installed 2011

Magnetom Skyra - Installed 214

Magnetom Aera - installed 2015

Magnetom Avanto Fit - Installed 2006 refurb 2017

Magnetom lumina - installed 2020

Magnetom Sola Advance Max - installed 2022

Magnetom Skyra - installed 2011

Magnetom Avanto Fit - installed 2010 refurb 2019

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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