

## **Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-574**

18 October 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

### **1. The number of MRI scans performed for the following, Central Nervous System**

- o Brain**
- o Spine**
- o Other Surrounding Tissue**
- ☐ **Whole Body**
- o Head & Neck**
- o Thorax, including Breast**
- o Abdomen, including Liver & Kidneys**
- o Pelvis, including Prostate**
- o Musculo-skeletal system**
- o Other**
- ☐ **Cardiac**
- ☐ **Angiography**

group	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Abdomen, including Liver & Kidneys	2379	2491	2580	2066	2621
Angiography	91	77	27	17	27
Brain	8218	8535	8862	7969	9978
Cardiac	3338	3591	4728	4606	4730
Head & Neck	4748	4898	4767	3305	3355

Musculo-skeletal system	8322	8758	9064	5558	9394
Other	0	0	0	*	*
Pelvis, including Prostate	1816	2044	2149	1741	2345
Spine	4399	5196	5414	4181	7363
Thorax, including Breast	362	378	313	311	300
Whole Body	48	61	54	52	54

**Please note:** Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

## 2. The number of MRI scans for the above listed investigations using a macrocyclic gadolinium contrast agent(s)

group	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Abdomen, including Liver & Kidneys	487	557	578	456	503
Angiography	10	19	6	8	9
Brain	2477	2708	2706	2514	2742
Cardiac	0	*	*	*	*
Head & Neck	1224	1394	1406	1136	926
Musculo-skeletal system	418	402	457	405	439
Pelvis, including Prostate	549	723	764	605	914
Spine	16	23	45	23	35
Thorax, including Breast	102	120	88	81	91

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**3. The average number of doses of a macrocyclic gadolinium contrast agent(s) per scan**

0.2 ml per kg

**4. The number of rescans, which are performed due to the outcome of a poor quality image when using a macrocyclic gadolinium contrast agent in the initial scan.**

We do not hold this information, it is not recorded.

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:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

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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