

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-065

13 February 2024

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

1. For the calendar year of 2023, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?

39,964

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.

Body part	No of examinations
Abdomen	3158
Ankle	127
Arm	28
Chest	195
Elbow	16
Feet	87
Groin	*
Hand	52
Head	1898
Hips	284
Knee	684
Legs	46
Lower legs	39
Neck	1214
Shoulder	236
Whole body	78
Wrist	83

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)?

Bristol 6-8 weeks

Weston 1-2 weeks

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?

£73,428

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

Total of 625 patients received MRI scans from Inhealth only.

6. How many MRI scanners does the Trust own?

Seven

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

Siemens, Magnetom Avanto Fit Upgrade 2018

Siemens, Close Bore 3T, 2014

Siemens, Close Bore 1.5T, 2015

Siemens, Close Bore 1.5T, 2017

Siemens, Close Bore 3T, 2020

Siemens, Close Bore 1.5 T, 2021

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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
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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

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Yours sincerely

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