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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Radiology
- MRI Scan Information

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. For the calendar year of 2025, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?	31,786			
2. For the calendar year of 2025, 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.	Abdomen 8342 Ankle 375 Arm 36 Chest 841 Elbow 109 Feet 457 Forearm 10 Hand 85 Head 10332 Hips 2949 Knee 2193 Legs 621 Lower Legs 120 Neck 4492 Sedation 94 Shoulder 396 Upper Leg 160 Wrist 174			
3. As of the start of 2026, what would the waiting time be (in weeks) for a routine MRI scan (for example how	Average of 5.8 weeks turnaround time in 2026 request to exam.			

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 2025 for the outsourcing of MRI either to mobile MRI units, private hospitals or private companies staffing hospital scanners to scan NHS patients?	Section 21: https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/media/1vwhzffg/foi-739-q1-q4.pdf			
5. From question 4 which companies were used and how many patients were scanned?	In Health 11614 Managed Healthcare Services 12732			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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