

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_100_19

You asked:

Please could you fill out the attached Freedom of Information (FOI) request regarding MRI scanning within your radiological departments.

Our response:

Please find response attached as requested.

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Please be so kind as to fill out this freedom of information (FOI) request that is directed at the radiology and MRI department:

1. How many hospitals make up your trust? Please fill out the below table:

Hospital Name	Postcode
Prince Charles Hospital	CF47 9DT
Royal Glamorgan Hospital	CF72 8XR

2. Please could I know how many MRI scanners your trust has along with their make and model, install and replacement dates?

Make	Model	Install date	Replacement Date
Siemens	Aera	2011	In plan for 2019/20
Siemens	Aera	2017	2024/25
Siemens	Sola	Currently being installed	2026/27

3. Within MRI what are the waiting time targets that are used for routine, urgent and urgent suspected cancer patients (USC)? How many patients have failed to meet each of these waiting time targets in the 2018 calendar year? What is the consequence if these waiting times are breached (financial or otherwise)?

	Urgent Referral Target	USC Referral Target	Routine Referral Target
Number	There is no national target time for urgent referrals to MRI. We have an internal operational standard to ensure that urgent referrals are seen within two weeks.	There is no national target time for urgent referrals to MRI. We have an internal operational standard to ensure that USC referrals are seen within two weeks	There is a national target that all outpatient/GP referrals to MRI should be seen within 8 weeks.
Number of target failures	Due to coding issues it is not possible to get reliable retrospective data on the number of breaches of the operational standard.	Due to coding issues it is not possible to get reliable retrospective data on the number of breaches of the operational standard.	0
Consequence	There are no direct consequences of failure to achieve the standard.	There are no direct consequences of failure to achieve the standard.	There are no direct consequences of failure to achieve the target.

4. How many MRI scans were performed in your trust during the calendar year 2018?

Number of MRI Scans performed during 2018	17879
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5. Please may I have the name and work contact details for the Radiology Manager and MRI Superintendent?

	Radiology Manager	MRI Superintendent
Email	For any Radiology or MRI queries please contact Alan Lewis – Directorate Manager: Alan.lewis@wales.nhs.uk – 01685 72400	
Telephone		
Postal Address		
	Prince Charles Hospital, Gurnos Estate, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 9DT	

6. Please could you give me a breakdown for the amount of the following individual MRI examinations performed during 2018?

Examination Name	Number of Examinations
Brain	2247
Internal Auditory Meatus (IAMS)	1152
Cervical Spine	1179
Lumbar Spine	2456
Shoulder	170
Elbow	50
Forearm or Radius and Ulna	15
Wrist	130
Scaphoid	72
Hand	13
Finger/ Thumb	19
Hip	341
Knee	2193
Tibia and Fibula or lower leg	41
Ankle	234
Foot	335
Toe	Not coded separately – included under 'Foot' above

7. During 2018 have any MRI work been outsourced to private organisations/hospitals? Have any private companies been used to bring a mobile MRI scanner to the trust? If so please may I know the duration these were used for, the cost and number of patients that were outsourced as well as the company providing the service?

Private Hospital/Organisation	On Site Mobile MRI Scanner	Duration	Cost	Number of Patients Outsourced	Company Used
Alliance Medical	Yes	3.0.18 to 14.9.18	£21,805.01	139	Alliance Medical