

Freedom of Information Act 2000**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request****Date Request Received: 19 January 2024****FOI Ref No: 23352****Requested Information**

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- 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.
- 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)?
- 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?
- 5) From question 4 which companies were used and how many patients were scanned?
- 6) How many MRI scanners does the Trust own?
- 7) From question 6 could I please have the manufacturer, model, and date of install of the MRI scanners?

Response

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Body Part	Count of Accession (Scan)
Abdomen	7927
Ankle	318
Arm	41
Chest	3002
Elbow	48
Feet	153
Forearm	17
Groin	3057
Hand	37
Head	10992
Hips	219
Knee	1716
Legs	249
Lower Legs	97
Neck	2941
Shoulder	280
Spine	141
Whole Body	35
Wrist	147
Grand Total	31417

- 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)?

The wait for an MRI knee at the moment is 8 weeks if they can travel to Bodmin, or 10 – 12 weeks if they need to have it at RCH.

- 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? We have not commissioned any private MRI units, private hospitals or companies in 2023/24 financial year to deliver patient images. They would need to seek this answer from the CIOICB. I have read this as not including reporting.

- 5) From question 4 which companies were used and how many patients were scanned? n/a

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Tower MRI – RCMR2 – Philips Achieva dStream (SmartPath to dStream) 1.5T

Installed: March 2020

Bore Size: 60cm (Narrow Bore)

Software Version: 5.7.1.4 (21st Jan 2024)

Tennvenek Unit – RCMRTU – Philips Ingenia dStream 1.5T

Installed: July 2017

Bore Size: 70cm (Wide Bore)

Software Version: 5.7.1.4 ~ (21st Jan 2024)

Trelawney Scanning Suite – RCMRA/RCMRB – Philips Ambition 1.5T x 2

Installed: June 2023

Bore Size: 70cm (Wide Bore)

Software Version: 5.7.1.3 (21st Jan 2024)

7) From question 6 could I please have the manufacturer, model, and date of install of the MRI scanners? See response to Q6

Attachment(s)

None

Date Response sent: 19022024