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### Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 05/01/2022. Please see responses to your requests below.

**1. For the calendar year of 2021, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?**

The Trust performed 33,024 MRI examinations in 2021.

**2. For the calendar year of 2021, 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	MRIs
Abdomen	3008
Ankle	227
Aorta	39
Breast	1020
Cardiac	415
Chest	51
Elbow	31
Foot	83
Hand	13
Head	15,271
Knee	784
Lower Limb	244
Neck	940
Pelvis	7008
Renal	142
Shoulder	225
Spine C	728
Spine T	245
Spine L	1219
Spine Whole	1147
Upper Limb	42
Wrist	142

3. As of the start of 2022, 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 time for a routine MRI is 20+ weeks.

4. How much money was paid to private companies during the calendar year 2021 for the outsourcing of MRI either to mobile MRI units, private hospitals or private companies staffing hospital scanners to scan NHS patients?

	Mobile MR	Nuffield Health	Practice Plus Group Hospital Ltd	Total
Jan	£51,710	£0	£0	£51,710
Feb	£43,875	£0	£0	£43,875
Mar	£48,576	£0	£0	£48,576
Apr	£34,115	£8,233	£0	£42,348
May	£48,821	£6,967	£0	£55,788
Jun	£34,314	£5,200	£9,900	£49,414
July	£37,421	£570	£9,400	£47,391
Aug	£37,421	£9,040	£0	£28,381
Sep	£43,457	£13,890	£9,819	£67,166
Oct	£44,906	£14,460	£9,800	£69,166
Nov	£43,457	£3,060	£19,200	£59,597
Dec	£44,906	£6,080	£9,400	£60,386
<b>Total</b>	<b>£512,980</b>	<b>£43,300</b>	<b>£67,517</b>	<b>£623,799</b>

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

Nuffield Health performed 294 scan on NHS patients.

Mobile MR supplied us with the equipment to scan patients and Practice Plus group leased the land to put the mobile units on.

6. How many MRI scanners does the Trust own?

The Trust has three MRI Scanners.

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

GE 450W - 2014

GE 750W - 2014

Siemens Aera - 2018

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

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Yours sincerely

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