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Dear Sir/Madam,

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

I write under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

- a) Does your Trust have a process in place for patients who are unable to fit in, or use, an MRI machine but who may need a MRI scan? If so, what is this process?**

The procedure for patients who will not fit into our MRI machine is that we offer alternative for example CT, we don't send patient elsewhere as all of our machines are 70cm bores. This is the largest bore commercial magnet that is available to date, patients could attend for an open MRI but the bore is still the same diameter as our open scanners so we have not found this to be useful for our larger patients.

- b) Does your Trust send patients who may need an MRI scan who meet the criteria of being unable to use your Trusts' scanners above, to other locations, for example, zoos or research facilities? N/A**

- c) Does your Trust pay other facilities such as zoos or research facilities for the use of their MRI machines? If so, how much did you Trust pay these facilities last financial year (2019-20? N/A**

- d) If applicable, how many patients have needed an MRI in facilities provided in places other than your Trust last year? Please provide the location and reason for this. N/A**

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Fleming', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mary Fleming
Chief Operating Officer

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