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Date: 19th January 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Please may I make the following Freedom of Information request of your Trust:

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

26117 MRI examinations were carried during this period.

- 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.**

MRI	26117
Abdomen	5344
Ankle	413
Arm	30
Chest	5513
Elbow	201
Feet	346
Forearm	29
Groin	591
Hand	116
Head	4950
Hips	1230
Knee	2597

Legs	1094
Lower Legs	161
Neck	1804
Shoulder	1230
Wrist	407
(blank)	61
Grand Total	26117

- 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)?**

Longest wait 5 weeks – Average wait 2 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?**

£390,159

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

Alliance – 7661 patients were scanned.

- 6. How many MRI scanners does the Trust own?**

Two – both located at RAEI.

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

Siemens Aira 2013
Siemens Sola 2020

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,



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