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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

a) *How many MRI scans were aborted for reasons related to the patient being too large or heavy to use the scanner for each of the last three financial years (April 1 2015 - March 31 2016, April 1 2016 - March 31 2017, April 1 2017 - March 31 2018) and between April 2018 and the current date if recorded.*

No formal records are kept, but since April 2015 less than 5 patients have attended and were unable to be scanned on the wide bore scanner the Trust has, due to size/weight reasons.

b) i) *Has your you trust purchased extra-large scanners (if information held) ? Yes
(The hole size of standard scanner measures 68cm (26in) and some hospitals put a 25-stone (158kg) limit on patients using them.)*

This information is incorrect – a standard MRI scanner has a 60cm bore and a wide bore scanner 70cm. The wide bore scanner we have in this Trust has a weight limit of 250kg, our standard bore 222kg.

ii) *How much money was spent purchasing these extra-large scanners (if information held)?*

The Trust were purchasing a second MRI scanner anyway, the wide bore scanner was probably an extra £150,000 on top of a standard bore scanner.

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 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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