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Our Ref: MB/SS FOI 4183

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4183**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 10th January 2020.

Your request was as follows:

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?

Here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust there are no larger scanners than ours, if you can't fit in one of our wide bore scanners you cannot be MR scanned and an alternative has to be considered if there is one.

We have also previously sent patients with pacemakers to Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Trust. We have also sent some patients to upright scanners at Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Trust.

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?

No

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

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4183 in any future communications.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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