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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5014

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 06th January 2022.

Your request was as follows:

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

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\) can confirm 43,014 MRI examinations were performed.](#)

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.

[Please see attached.](#)

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 lumbar spine)?

[4-5 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?

[WCFT can confirm £0 was paid to private companies during the calendar year 2021 for the above.](#)

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

[N/A](#)

6. How many MRI scanners does the Trust own?

[WCFT own 5 MRI scanners.](#)

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

[GE Signa Artist 2019](#)

[GE Premier XT 2020](#)

[GE 450W 2014](#)

[Siemens Skyra 2015](#)
[Siemens Skyra 2017](#)

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

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Yours sincerely

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