



Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 4th April 2019. Your request sought information relating to MRI scanners.

1. How many hospitals make up your health board?

Please see our website: <https://sbuwb.nhs.wales/hospitals/our-hospitals/?CFID=ec508eb2-ce23-4a52-bfed-bc68bd38d78f&CFTOKEN=0>

2. Please could I know how many MRI scanners your health board has along with their make and model, install and replacement dates?

Make	Model	Install date	Replacement Date
GE	1.5 T Optima	2011	19/20 - TBC
GE	Signa	2007	2019
Toshiba	Excelart Vantage	2007	2019

3. Within MRI what are the waiting time targets that are used for routine, urgent and urgent suspected cancer patients (USC)? How many patients have failed to meet each of these waiting time targets in the 2018 calendar



year? What is the consequence if these waiting times are breached (financial or otherwise)?

This is not applicable, as there no national target time for urgent referrals to MRI for cancer patients.

4. How many MRI scans were performed in your health board during the calendar year 2018?

To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

5. Please may I have the name and work contact details for the Radiology Manager and MRI Superintendent?

It is not our usual practice to disclose the names of staff other than those at Executive/Consultant level. Therefore this information is withheld under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

6. Please could you give me a breakdown for the amount of the following individual MRI examinations performed during 2018?

Examination Name	Number of Examinations
Brain	
Internal Auditory Meatus (IAMS)	
Cervical Spine	
Lumbar Spine	
Shoulder	
Elbow	
Forearm or Radius and Ulna	
Wrist	
Scaphoid	
Hand	
Finger/ Thumb	
Hip	
Knee	
Tibia and Fibula or lower leg	
Ankle	
Foot	
Toe	

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7. During 2018 have any MRI work been outsourced to private organisations/hospitals? Have any private companies been used to bring a mobile MRI scanner to the health board? If so please may I know the duration these were used for, the cost and number of patients that were outsourced as well as the company providing the service?

On site Mobile MRI scanner	Duration	Cost	Number of Patients Outsourced	Company Used
Yes	22 days over 4 months	£76,720	Not known	Inhealth

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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