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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MRI SCANNERS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to MRI Scanners.

Question:

1. The hospital/site where each MRI scanner is located.
2. The number of MRI scanners at each hospital/site.
3. Whether each scanner is fixed, mobile or operated through a managed/third-party service.
4. The manufacturer and model of each scanner, where available.
5. Whether each scanner is a conventional helium-cooled system, low-helium system, zero boil-off / helium-recirculating system, or helium-free system, where known.
6. The number of MRI scans/examinations carried out in the latest available year, broken down by hospital/site if available.

Answer:

Please see enclosed spreadsheets as requested.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

ALISON MACDONALD
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Cc: Chief Executive
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Site	No of scanners on site	Fixed/mobile/third party	Model	Manufacturer	Type of system
RIE	1	Fixed	Magnetom Aera	Siemens	conventional helium-cooled system
RIE	1	Fixed	Ingenia Ambition	Phillips	conventional helium-cooled system
WGH	1	Fixed	MAGNETON ERA	Siemens	conventional helium-cooled system
SJH	1	Fixed	Magnetom Aera	Siemens	conventional helium-cooled system
RHCYP	1	Fixed	Ingenia	Phillips	conventional helium-cooled system
RHCYP	1	Fixed	Ingenia	Phillips	conventional helium-cooled system
RHCYP	1	Fixed	Ingenia	Phillips	conventional helium-cooled system
RHCYP	1	Fixed	Ingenia Intraoperative	Phillips	conventional helium-cooled system
WGH	2	Mobile & third party	Magnetom Aera	Siemens	conventional helium-cooled system
RIE	1	Mobile & third party	Magnetom Aera	Siemens	conventional helium-cooled system
MCH	1	Mobile & third party	Magnetom Aera	Siemens	conventional helium-cooled system

PARAMETERS & SUMMARY	
Data Type	Examinations
Time Period	01/04/25-31/03/26
Modality	MRI
Hospital Location	Lothian Hospitals
Exclusions	Other non-Lothian hospitals

RECEIVING LOCATION / ROOM	COUNT
CYP	3564
RHCYP - MRI Scanner	3564
RIE	9994
BRIC Research MRI Scanner	1593
CRIC MRI	1029
CRIC PET MRI Scanner	48
Edinburgh Clinic MRI	36
Magnetic Resonance Imaging 1	2899
Magnetic Resonance Imaging 2	4389
DCN	15021
DCN MRI 1.5 T	5257
DCN MRI 3T	6278
DCN MRI Intraoperative	2132
DCN MRI Mobile Scanner	1316
RHCYP - MRI (DCN)	38
WGH	11272
MRI Room 1	5211
TEC MRI Scanning	167
WGH MRI Mobile Van	4715
WGH MRI Room 2 (Temp)	1179
SJH	4618
MRI Scanner SJH	4618
MCH	5408
Mobile MRI (MCH)	5408
Grand Total	49877