

FOI REF: 21/140

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1. For the calendar year of 2019, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?**

[A total of 22,816 MRI examinations were performed in 2019.](#)

- 2. For the calendar year of 2019, 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.**

Body part	Count
Abdomen	2069
Body	106
Breast	387
Cardiac	97
Chest	28
Head	8471
Lower ext	1885
Neck	524
Other	101
Pelvis	3386
Spine	4938
Upper ext	824

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3. As of March 1st, 2021, how many MRI requests are on the waiting list waiting to be scanned? Please could I have this broken down into individual body part/examination too (like in question 2)?

578 MRI's on Waiting/planned list.

4. How much money was paid to private companies during the calendar year 2019 for the outsourcing of MRI either to mobile MRI units, private hospitals or private companies staffing hospital scanners to scan NHS patients?

£2,835,042.

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

Company	Number of Patients
BMI	129
Inhealth	13436
MIP	1
Spire	838
Chest	28

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (lynette.wells2@nhs.net) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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