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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

## **FOI REQUEST TO RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENTS**

**Criteria. Radiology departments who undertake axillary imaging**

**Background. To assess who undertakes axillary ultrasound and MRI scans**

**Question.**

**1. Do you perform axillary ultrasound scans?**

Yes we do, both sonographers and Radiologist scan this area.

**2. Are the ultrasound scans performed within Radiology or the Breast service?**

Ultrasound scans are performed within both Radiology and the Breast service.

**3. If the ultrasound scans are performed within Radiology, who does them?**

Sonographers and Radiologists.

**4. How are primary care referrals vetted for axillary ultrasound?**

Patients are seen in the breast clinic prior to ultrasound referral. Unless it is from a GP for a lymph node or sebaceous cyst.

**5. Do you perform axillary MRI scans?**

The radiology department rarely do specific axillary MRI scans, this will be covered on a breast MRI.

**6. Who reports on axillary MRI scans?**

Breast MRI Consultant.

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I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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