

MRI Safety & Helium Supply

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

Please tell me in the financial years a) 2020/21 and b) 2021/22

For all of the incidents captured under 2 and 3 above in 2020/21 and 2021/22, can you please provide a verbatim copy of the description of the adverse event? To avoid running into Section 40 exemptions, please redact any person identifiable information.

Note: The above is based on the understanding of MRI reporting procedures I derived from reading the following webpage: <https://www.mriphysics.scot.nhs.uk/reporting-incidents-and-near-misses/>. If the terminology used by your Trust is slightly different, please give me the nearest equivalent.

- 1) How many incidents were reported by your Trust on the Datix incident reporting system under the category 'MRI safety'? .

We do not have the category MRI Safety – However we do log MRI as a location when incident reporting. In 2020/21 there were 18 incidents reported as occurring in MRI, and a further 16 for 2021/22.

- 2) How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were listed under the division, 'MRI Non Declared Internal Passive Metallic Implant'?

None. This is not a category used on the Trusts incident reporting system. The incident descriptions have been manually checked and none relate to this device.

- 3) How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were under the division 'MRI Non Declared Internal Active Metallic Implant'? **None. As above.**

4a) Finally, can you please tell me if MRI scanner(s) at your Trust have at any point needed to be temporarily left out of service due to supply chain issues impacting access to **helium** in 2021/22? **The Trust has not had to close a scanner due to supply chain issues with Helium.**

If the answer to this question is YES, please also tell me

4b) How many machines were affected by the helium shortage?. **This question is not applicable.**

4c) In which hospitals/buildings do those machine(s) operate?. **This question is not applicable.**

4d) How long were the machine(s) out of action as a result of the helium shortage?. **This question is not applicable.**

4e) How many patients were affected by the MRI scanner outage?.

This question is not applicable.