

Title: Scans

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please provide information for the following years (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)?

1. How many scans in total were performed each year?

Answer: Please see table below representing Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Northern and Eastern Services.

Northern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	11,913	12,777	13,584	13,578	11,180
MRI Scans	6,242	6,058	6,871	4,930	5,751
X-rays	56,658	59,589	60,757	44,075	48,694
Eastern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	35,197	37,224	41,125	37,273	42,989
MRI Scans	20,684	21,341	23,229	18,160	20,252
X-rays	157,833	159,376	160,910	120,036	138,192

2. How many elective scans were performed each year?

Answer: Please see table below.

Northern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	9,602	10,007	10,509	10,328	6,649
MRI Scans	6,097	5,889	6,729	4,762	5,509
X-rays	31,650	33,743	34,661	21,884	22,625
Eastern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	30,298	31,424	35,104	30,610	34,336
MRI Scans	20,397	21,020	22,849	17,834	19,794
X-rays	109,747	109,471	110,343	77,077	90,640

3. How many urgent scans were performed each year?

Answer: Please see table below.

Northern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	2,311	2,770	3,075	3,250	4,531
MRI Scans	145	169	142	168	242
X-rays	25,008	25,846	26,096	22,191	26,069

Eastern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	4,899	5,800	6,021	6,663	8,653
MRI Scans	287	321	380	326	458
X-rays	48,086	49,905	50,567	42,959	47,552

4. How many of the total scans performed were outsourced for reporting by a teleradiology service each year?

Answer: Please see table below.

Northern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	2,020	2,809	1,783	2,822	5,367
MRI Scans	2,071	1,788	1,686	1,964	3,080
X-rays	1,639	17,502	19,421	19,302	29,029
Eastern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	Nil	94	4,690	2,545	6,966
MRI Scans	Nil	13	2,712	1,249	2,949
X-rays	Nil	1,210	7,318	1,408	5,086

5. How many elective scans performed were outsourced for reporting by a teleradiology service each year?

Answer: Please see table below.

Northern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	2,017	2,426	1,283	2,101	3,931
MRI Scans	2,061	1,765	1,664	1,941	3,049
X-rays	1,261	9,848	13,007	10,233	13,162
Eastern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	Nil	94	4,960	2,543	6,966
MRI Scans	Nil	13	2,711	1,249	2,949
X-rays	Nil	1,207	7,306	1,367	4,763

6. How many urgent scans performed were outsourced for reporting by a teleradiology service each year?

Answer: Please see table below.

Northern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	3	383	500	721	1,436
MRI Scans	10	23	22	23	31
X-rays	378	7,654	6,414	9,069	15,867
Eastern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT scans	Nil	Nil	Nil	≤5	Nil
MRI Scans	Nil	Nil	≤5	Nil	Nil
X-rays	Nil	≤5	312	41	323

In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients/staff and should not be published.