

Title

On Call MRI Provision

Reference Number: RDF1769-23

Date of Response: 25/08/23

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

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

1. Do you provide an MRI on call service?.

Northern Service: No.
Eastern Service: Yes.
2. Do you accept referrals ooh from other trusts, if so which ones?.

Northern Service: Not applicable.
Eastern Service: Yes – From Northern service site.
3. Do the requests have to be agreed by a Radiology consultant or registrar?

Northern Service: Not applicable.
Eastern Service: Yes.
4. How many radiographers are on the on call rota?

Northern Service: Not applicable.
Eastern Service: 16.45 Whole Time Equivalent.
5. Is the on call service provided by neuro radiographers only?

Northern Service: Not applicable.
Eastern Service: No.
6. What provisions do you have for compensatory rest the next day?

Northern Service: Not applicable.
Eastern Service: Radiographers are entitled to equivalent hours for the time they were in the department responding to a call.

7. Please provide average numbers of patients scanned per on call each month over the last year?

8.

Date	MRI Patients scanned on call
2022	595
Aug	114
Sep	115
Oct	121
Nov	130
Dec	115
2023	922
Jan	129
Feb	136
Mar	136
Apr	126
May	120
Jun	148
Jul	127

9. How many of these patients scanned had a clinical history to rule out cauda Equina?

Section 12 (1)

The Trust has considered your request in question 9. Due to the number of patients returned in question 7 and the fact that clinical history is held in free text in our system it would be a long task to find those that have had cauda Equina ruled out.

To try to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.