

Title:

MRI's for overweight patients

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

Please include the information for each of the following financial years; 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22:

- 1. The number of patients within the remit of the Trust who have had to be sent to an external, or alternative MRI machine due to being overweight –*
The Trust holds this information.

For the Eastern service * <5 patients per year.

≤5. 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.

The Northern service of the Trust has considered your request, however 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 that 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.

- 2. The annual cost of using these alternative or external MRIs.*
This information is not held by the Trust.
- 3. Where the MRIs are (for example, at specialist hospitals)-*

Wide bore scanner is available at the Devon Diagnostic Centre and an mobile unit. Otherwise the other outsourcing sites would be Birmingham or Cheltenham.