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Subject:	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Services
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Requested:

1. For the calendar year of 2021, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?
2. For the calendar year of 2021, please could you give a breakdown of the individual MRI examinations performed into body part/area? For instance, how many brain scans, spine scans etc. I am happy with whichever body part description is input in the PACS system.
3. As of the start of 2022, what would the waiting time be (in weeks) for a routine MRI scan (for example how long would a patient have to wait if they were referred for a routine MRI scan of their knee)?
4. How much money was paid to private companies during the calendar year 2021 for the outsourcing of MRI either to mobile MRI units, private hospitals or private companies staffing hospital scanners to scan NHS patients?
5. From question 4 which companies were used and how many patients were scanned?
6. How many MRI scanners does the Trust own?
7. From question 6 could I please have the manufacturer, model, and date of install of the MRI scanners?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that 17,754 MRI examinations were performed across the UHB, during the calendar year 2021.
2. The UHB provides within the attached spreadsheet a breakdown of the individual MRI examinations performed, by body part/area, during the calendar year 2021, at Attachment 1.
3. The UHB confirms that current waiting time is approximately twelve (12) weeks for a routine MRI scan across the UHB.
4. The UHB does not hold the information requested, as outsourced MRI costs are incorporated within the overall contract.
5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the companies/hospitals that were used and the number of patients scanned during the calendar year 2021.

Private hospital	Number of patients
St Joseph's Hospital, Newport	10
BMI Werndale Hospital, Bancyfelin	166

6. The UHB confirms that it owns four (4) MRI scanners.

7. The UHB provides, within the table below, the manufacturer, model and installation dates of its MRI scanners.

Manufacturer	Model	Installation
X3 - Siemens	Aera 1.5T	April 2015 January 2020 June 2021
X1 - GE Discovery	MR450 1.5T	May 2011