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Subject:	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
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Requested:

1. For the calendar year of 2023, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?
2. For the calendar year of 2023, 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 2024, 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 2023 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 22,841 MRI examinations were performed, during the 2023 calendar year.
2. The UHB provides, a breakdown of the MRI examinations performed, by body part/area, during the 2023 calendar year, at Attachment 1.
3. The UHB confirms that the current waiting time for a routine MRI scan is approximately eight (8) to ten (10) weeks.
4. The UHB confirms that the total spend on the outsourcing of MRI scans, was £496,000.00, during the 2023 calendar year.
5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of outsourced scans and the companies used, during the 2023 calendar year.

Company	Number
Everlight	8,141
Mobile MRI - InHealth	1,164

6. The UHB confirms that it has four (4) MRI scanners, across its four (4) acute hospitals.

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

Hospital	Manufacturer	Model	Installation date
Bronglais General Hospital	Siemens	Sola	June 2020
Glangwili General Hospital	Siemens	Aera 1.5 T	April 2015
Prince Philip Hospital	GE	MR450 Discovery 1.5T	June 2021
Withybush General Hospital	Siemens	Sola	June 2021