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Subject:	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
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Requested:

1. For the calendar year of 2025, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?
2. For the calendar year of 2025, 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 2026, 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 2025 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?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that 27,086 MRI examinations were performed, during the 2025 calendar year.
2. The UHB provides, a breakdown of the MRI examinations performed, by body part/area, during the 2025 calendar year, at Attachment 1.
3. The UHB confirms that the current waiting time for a routine MRI scan is approximately ten (10) to twelve (12) weeks.
4. The UHB confirms that the total spend on the outsourcing of MRI scans, was £1,265,365.00, during the 2025 calendar year.
5. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of outsourced scans and the companies used, during the 2025 calendar year.

Company	Number
Everlight	10,143
Mobile MRI - Compleo	10,143