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Date: 21st February 2023

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21st December 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding scans.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1   I would be very grateful if you could provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, information with respect to the following:

1.   Please provide information for the following years (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021):
a.   How many scans in total were performed each year?
i.   CT scans
ii.   MRI scans
iii.   X-rays

A1   See below: Based on total Exam codes performed

Row Labels	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT	69,359	75,341	79,648	71,251	87,367
MRI	31,908	34,740	37,088	32,261	40,003
Radiology	236,954	239,870	244,282	182,185	206,292

Q2   How many elective scans were performed each year?
i.   CT scans
ii.   MRI scans
iii.   X-rays

A2   Number of exam codes performed. 'Elective' is based on Outpatient and GP patient type requests – which will include cancer 2ww activity

Row Labels	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT	35,584	38,149	40,795	34,381	45,219
MRI	26,757	28,751	30,612	25,880	32,206
Radiology	100,875	96,225	97,710	57,145	70,762

Q3 **How many urgent scans were performed each year?**
      i. **CT scans**
      ii. **MRI scans**
      iii. **X-rays**

A3   Number of exam codes performed, 'Urgent' is based on In-Patient and Emergency (A&E) patient types for all requested activity

Row Labels	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT	33,775	37,192	38,853	36,870	42,148
MRI	5,151	5,989	6,476	6,381	7,797
Radiology	136,079	143,645	146,572	125,040	135,530

Q4 **How many of the total scans performed were outsourced for reporting by a teleradiology service each year:**
      i. **CT scans**
      ii. **MRI scans**
      iii. **X-rays**

A4   Based on exam codes performed, Outsourced reporting is based on where 1st author reporting is indicative of an external reporter

Row Labels	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT	6,801	7,066	6,091	1,679	7,791
MRI	4,054	4,341	6,761	4,060	4,054
Radiology	267	1,268	9,027	2,471	3,411

Q5 **How many elective scans performed were outsourced for reporting by a teleradiology service each year:**
      i. **CT scans**
      ii. **MRI scans**
      iii. **X-rays**

A5   Based on exam codes performed. 'Elective' is based on Outpatient and GP patient type requests – which will include cancer 2ww activity
Outsourced reporting is based on where 1st author reporting is indicative of an external reporter

Row Labels	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT	5,144	6,515	6,071	1,676	7,576
MRI	3,601	3,537	6,010	3,371	3,151
Radiology	139	480	5,524	1,605	2,355

Q6 **How many urgent scans performed were outsourced for reporting by a teleradiology service each year:**
      i. **CT scans**
      ii. **MRI scans**
      iii. **X-rays**

A6   Based on exam codes performed, 'Urgent' is based on In-Patient and Emergency (A&E) patient types for all requested activity. Outsourced reporting is based on where 1st author reporting is indicative of an external reporter

Row Labels	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CT	1,657	551	20	3	215
MRI	453	804	751	689	903
Radiology	128	788	3,503	866	1,056

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

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