

Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-696

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 18th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding MRI

On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:

To continue with your request we require clarification on the following:

Are you wanting the average wait profile for 'All' routine events for the entire year (one figure) or split by Body part?

As the example you provided was by body part.

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)?

Are you also expecting for Non-Cancer related GP requests to be included?

On the same day, you replied via email:

*'For question 3, if you could include non cancer related GP requests that would be great please. I don't expect it to be for all body parts on this question though as that would be well too much work for everyone. Just a routine knee scan would be sufficient'*

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Please can I make the attached Freedom of Information request regarding MRI imaging within the Trust.**

**A1** Refer to the attached document that you submitted

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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.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,



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