

FOI 3100

2nd June 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under the FOI act, I would like to request information regarding your organisation's access to diagnostic scanning equipment and use of external CT, MRI and PET-CT scanning equipment, staff and services.

Please see the below questions:

How many PET-CT, CT and MRI scanners does the Trust have? (Not including any rented equipment).

If the Trust uses external scanning support for PET-CT, CT or MRI, please provide details below for any contracts in place between 01/04/2024 and 31/03/2025.

Response:



Southern Health and Social Care Trust

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Modality: MRI

Number of scanners: 3 (2 Located in CAH 1 STH)

Staffed or Unstaffed Services: CAH staffed – STH new unstaffed/ operational currently

Number of scanning days in period

or

Service regularity (e.g., number of scanning days per week AND number of scanning weeks per month)

MRI CAH 7 day working – 8am-8pm

MRI STH – shall be 5 day working 9am-5pm

Scanner Location(s) 2 CAH. 1 DHH

Reason being used (interim CDC, permanent CDC using mobiles, permanent CDC brick/mortar, waiting list management, scanner replacement project, Lung Health Check, other etc.)

2 CAH – Permanent CDC brick/mortar

1 STH- permanent – RDC project

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Modality: CT

Number of scanners: 4

Staffed or Unstaffed Services : Staffed

Number of scanning days in period

or

Service regularity (e.g., number of scanning days per week AND number of scanning weeks per month)

1 Inpatient scanner CAH – 24-7 working

1 Inpatient scanner CAH– Used for Biopsy 1 day working

1 Outpatient CAH scanner 5 day working 9am -5pm (Monday-Friday)

1 Outpatient scanner DHH – currently Mon- Fri 9am-5pm

Scanner Location(s) CAH Twin Suite, Cah Main Xray, DHH Modular scanner

Reason being used (interim CDC, permanent CDC using mobiles, permanent CDC brick/mortar, waiting list management, scanner replacement project, Lung Health Check, other etc.)

All 3 scanners CAH permanent CDC brick/mortar

DHH – Modular scanner – not external has link corridor built.

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Contract Details

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Contract Title: Provision of MRI & CT Scans

Contract Start Date 25 May 2023

Contract End Date 24 May 2025, extension available and this has been extended until 24 May 2027

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Contract Title: Provision of CT Cardiac Examinations

Contract Start Date: 26 January 2023

Contract End Date 26 January 2026, with the option to extend for 12 months

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Contract Title: Provision of General CT Examinations



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Contract Start Date: 29 July 2027 – Contract End Date: Initially 31 March 2025 – 12-month extension available and this has been extended to 31 March 2026

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Contract Title: Modular CT Scanner – Hire of mobile scanner & Staff for provision of CT Scanning

Contract Start Date: 01 July 2023

Contract End Date: Initial end date 31 March 2024, extension available for 36 months (30 September 2027) Current end date is 31 March 2026.

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