

FOI 3632

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

Response: 24199 exams performed

Question 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.

Response:

Row Labels	Count of Exam Descriptor
MRA Aorta abdominal	8
MRA Aorta thoracic	20
MRA Carotid Both	12
MRA Head	275
MRA Head with contrast	<5
MRA Lower limb Both	<5
MRA Neck	9
MRA neck with contrast	88
MRA renal Both	166
MRA Upper limb Lt	<5
MRCP	1949
MRCP with contrast	<5
MRI Abdomen	236
MRI Abdomen with contrast	82
MRI Adrenal Both	73
MRI Adrenal with contrast Both	<5
MRI Ankle Lt	66
MRI Ankle Rt	63
MRI Ankle with contrast Rt	<5
MRI Arthrogram hip Lt	<5

MRI Arthrogram hip Rt	<5
MRI Arthrogram shoulder Lt	12
MRI Arthrogram shoulder Rt	17
MRI Axilla Lt	<5
MRI Axilla Rt	6
MRI Brachial plexus	22
MRI Brain volume	10
MRI Brain volume with contrast	<5
MRI Breast Both	143
MRI breast implant Both	7
MRI Breast with contrast Both	143
MRI Buttock Both	5
MRI Clavicle Rt	<5
MRI Elbow Lt	19
MRI Elbow Rt	16
MRI Femur Lt	65
MRI Femur Rt	65
MRI Femur with contrast Lt	<5
MRI Femur with contrast Rt	<5
MRI Fingers Lt	5
MRI Fingers Rt	11
MRI Foot Lt	68
MRI Foot Rt	64
MRI Foot with contrast Lt	<5
MRI Foot with contrast Rt	<5
MRI Forearm Lt	<5
MRI Forearm Rt	9
MRI Hand Lt	13
MRI Hand Rt	8
MRI Hand with contrast Lt	<5
MRI Hand with contrast Rt	<5
MRI Head	5297
MRI Head with contrast	815
MRI Hip Both	12
MRI Hip Lt	92
MRI Hip Rt	125
MRI Hip with contrast Rt	<5
MRI IAM with contrast Both	53
MRI Internal auditory meatus Both	553
MRI Knee Lt	358
MRI Knee Rt	372
MRI Knee with contrast Rt	<5
MRI Liver	209
MRI Liver and Spleen	304
MRI Liver with contrast	259

MRI Liver with hepatobiliary contrast	333
MRI Lower Leg Lt	35
MRI Lower Leg Rt	36
MRI Lower leg with contrast Lt	<5
MRI Lower leg with contrast Rt	<5
MRI Neck	232
MRI Neck with contrast	244
MRI Oral cavity	<5
MRI Orbit Both	123
MRI Orbit with contrast Both	43
MRI Pancreas	25
MRI Pancreas with contrast	17
MRI Parotid	14
MRI Pelvis	431
MRI Pelvis and bladder	7
MRI Pelvis and Hip Both	24
MRI Pelvis gynaecological	420
MRI Pelvis obstetric	<5
MRI Pelvis prostate	805
MRI Pelvis rectum	295
MRI Pelvis with contrast	279
MRI Penis	5
MRI Pituitary	209
MRI Pituitary with contrast	207
MRI post nasal space	<5
MRI Prostate with contrast	45
MRI Renal Both	96
MRI Sacrum and Coccyx	46
MRI Scaphoid Left	44
MRI Scaphoid Right	58
MRI Scapula Lt	<5
MRI Scapula Rt	6
MRI Scrotum	<5
MRI Shoulder Lt	97
MRI Shoulder Rt	134
MRI SI Joints	513
MRI Sinuses	16
MRI Sinuses with contrast	12
MRI Skull Base	5
MRI Small bowel study	299
MRI Small Bowel with contrast	300
MRI Spine cervical	1279
MRI Spine cervical myelogram	<5
MRI Spine cervical with contrast	23

MRI Spine cervicothoracic	102
MRI Spine lumbar	2418
MRI Spine lumbar myelogram	<5
MRI Spine lumbar with contrast	17
MRI Spine thoracic	636
MRI Spine thoracic myelogram	<5
MRI Spine thoracic with contrast	27
MRI Spine thoracolumbar	89
MRI Spine whole	1408
MRI Spine whole with contrast	40
MRI Sternoclavicular joint Both	8
MRI Sternum	11
MRI Temporal Lobe	5
MRI Temporomandibular joint Both	9
MRI Thoracic inlet and outlet	<5
MRI Thorax	36
MRI Thorax with contrast	20
MRI Thumb Lt	12
MRI Thumb Rt	7
MRI Trigeminal nerve	<5
MRI Upper arm Lt	23
MRI Upper arm Rt	20
MRI Upper arm with contrast Lt	<5
MRI Urogram	8
MRI Whole body	<5
MRI Wrist Lt	83
MRI Wrist Rt	98
MRV Cerebral veins	45
MRV Cranial	8
MRV Inferior vena cava	<5
MRV Venogram	35

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Question 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)?

Response: As of 17.02 – Longest wait is 85 weeks – Average week wait 10

Question 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?

Response: SHSCT spent £1,677k in 2025 with the independent sector on MRI outsourcing and units

Question 5. From question 4 which companies were used and how many patients were scanned?

Response: Alliance Medical – 2498 Exams
Fairford Health DHH Modular – 7829 Exams

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