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Date: 21st August 2023

Ref: CORP 2023 - 116

Dear *****

**Freedom of Information request: Metallic Implants in MRI Scans 2022-23
(CORP 2023-116)**

Thank you for your request for the following information which the Trust received on 22nd July 2023

Your Request:

With respect to the financial year 2022/23:

- 1) How many incidents were reported by your Trust on the Datix incident system under the category 'MRI safety'?*
- 2) How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were listed under the division, 'MRI Non Declared Internal Passive Metallic Implant'?*
- 3) How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were under the division 'MRI Non Declared Internal Active Metallic Implant'?*

For all of the incidents captured under 2 and 3 above in 2022/23, can you please provide a verbatim copy of the description of the adverse event?

To avoid running into Section 40 exemptions, please redact any details that could identify someone.

NOTE: If your Trust does not use the Datix system but an alternative like the Ulysses system, please provide the closest analogue to that described above.

Please do a search based on relevant words and then review to ensure they meet the criteria outlined above of non-declared passive and active metal implant incidents in MRI scans.

Another alternative, if your Trust lacks the Datix system, could be to search for safety incidents logged under the location 'MRI'.

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The Trust has reviewed your request which is correctly formatted and complies with Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Information you have requested is below:

The Trust uses the Once for Wales DATIX system which does not contain the categories you identified in your request.

However, the Trust reviewed DATIX entries for Financial Year 2022/23 and has identified three (3) incidents that related to MRI scans and Metallic/Electro-mechanical devices, these incidents (with verbatim descriptions) are:

- *Pacemaker in situ on a suspected cord comp patient who we asked, learned about the pacemaker and then sent to CT scanner.*
- *IM Humeral nail in situ for less than 6 weeks . Scan deferred as devices need 6 weeks to firmly bed in.*
- *Prostate patient recently moved to Wales No MRI scan seen so one was requested. Discovered they had pacemaker. Patient said pacemaker was MRI safe. Incorrect, at best pacemaker would be MR Conditional. Cwm Taff and Velindre not set up to do MR Conditional pacemaker scans. Recommended pt be referred to C+V UHW where onsite pacemaker MR scans are possible.*

I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

You should forward your complaint to:-

Mr Ian Bevan via FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk
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Yours sincerely,

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