

Date: 20th January 2026
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 200

Dear xxx

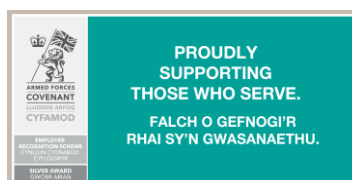
Freedom of Information request: MRI; Capacity, Waiting Lists, Operations and Costs (CORP 25/26 – 200)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 8th December 2025. We apologise for the delay in response.

Your Request:

- 1. Patient Waiting Times (As of December 2025)** What are the total number of patients currently waiting for a routine or urgent-suspected-cancer MRI scan, broken down by the following waiting time periods from referral date to scan date: a) Under 6 weeks b) 6 to under 8 weeks c) Over 8 weeks?
- 2. Urgent Referral Waiting Times (Last Quarter)** What was the average and maximum waiting time (in days) for an urgent referral for an MRI scan for the last full quarter (i.e. July 2025 – September 2025)?
- 3. Scanner Operation and Downtime (Last 12 Months)** For the last 12 months (e.g. December 2024 – November 2025):
 - a. What was the average daily operational rate (in hours) for each fixed NHS MRI scanner managed by the Health Board?
 - b. What was the total unplanned downtime (in days) for each fixed NHS MRI scanner due to maintenance, repair, or breakdown?
- 4. MRI Scanner Asset List (Current)** Please provide a list of all operational MRI scanners currently managed by the Health Board, including:
 - a. The model name/number
 - b. The year of purchase (or commissioning date)
 - c. The date of installation.
- 5. Average Cost of Scan (Last Financial Year)** What was the average Health Board cost for performing a single MRI scan for the last complete financial year (2024/25)? Please specify the key cost components included in this figure (e.g., staff, maintenance, consumables, depreciation).
- 6. Outsourcing Costs (Last Financial Year)** What was the total annual cost for the Health Board on outsourcing MRI scans to private providers in the last complete financial year (2024/25)?

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Please find the Trust's response below:

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The Trust does not have a waiting list as we work to a 'required by date'. We don't image USC patients. All our patients are on a confirmed cancer pathway or follow up / surveillance.

- 2. Urgent Referral Waiting Times (Last Quarter) What was the average and maximum waiting time (in days) for an urgent referral for an MRI scan for the last full quarter (i.e. July 2025 – September 2025)?**

1 day

- 3. Scanner Operation and Downtime (Last 12 Months) For the last 12 months (e.g. December 2024 – November 2025):**

- a. What was the average daily operational rate (in hours) for each fixed NHS MRI scanner managed by the Health Board?**

10 hours

- b. What was the total unplanned downtime (in days) for each fixed NHS MRI scanner due to maintenance, repair, or breakdown?**

This is not calculated in hours, but as % of available time – 93.6%

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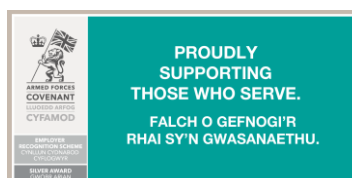
- b. The year of purchase (or commissioning date)**

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- c. The date of installation.**

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5. Average Cost of Scan (Last Financial Year) What was the average Health Board cost for performing a single MRI scan for the last complete financial year (2024/25)? Please specify the key cost components included in this figure (e.g., staff, maintenance, consumables, depreciation).

The average marginal cost of an MRI scan is £233 with the average full cost being £633.

The cost includes staffing, maintenance and depreciation.

6. Outsourcing Costs (Last Financial Year) What was the total annual cost for the Health Board on outsourcing MRI scans to private providers in the last complete financial year (2024/25)?

The Trust does not outsource to private providers.

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.

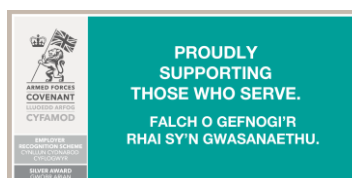
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Yours sincerely

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