

Date: 25th March 2026
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 293

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information request: MRI Safety Incidents, Adverse Events, and Operational Impact (CORP 25/26 – 293)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 9th March 2026.

Your Request:

For the most recent five financial years available, or the maximum period available if five years is not readily retrievable;

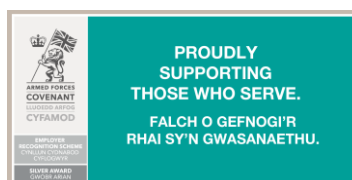
- 1. Total number of reported MRI-related adverse events or safety incidents within your Trust.*
- 2. Where recorded, a breakdown of incidents by category. If available, examples may include:*
 - o Patient burns during MRI scanning*
 - o Projectile incidents involving ferromagnetic objects*
 - o Non-MRI compatible equipment taken into the MRI scanner room (Zone IV)*
 - o Damage to the MRI scanner or associated equipment*
 - o MRI quench events*
 - o Adverse events related to implants or devices*
 - o Patient injury or near-miss incidents relating to MRI safety*

If incidents are recorded using different or broader internal categories, please provide those categories instead.

- 3. Where recorded, please indicate:*
 - o The number of incidents per year*
 - o Whether the incident was classified as harm, no harm, or near miss*
- 4. If available within existing records, please indicate whether incidents involved:*
 - o Ferromagnetic equipment or objects entering the MRI scanner room*
 - o Non-MRI compatible equipment brought into the MRI scanner room*
 - o Damage to the MRI scanner*
- 5. Operational impact, where recorded:*
 - o Estimated scanner downtime resulting from incidents (hours or days, if recorded)*
 - o Whether the scanner required service intervention or repair*
 - o Number of MRI scans cancelled due to incidents*
 - o Number of patients rescheduled due to incidents*
- 6. Financial impact, where recorded:*
 - o Any estimated cost of repair, servicing, or replacement*
 - o Any estimated operational cost associated with scanner downtime*
- 7. If recorded, please indicate the incident reporting system used (for example Datix or other internal incident reporting systems).*

Please find the Trust's response below:

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1. Total number of reported MRI-related adverse events or safety incidents within your Trust.

There have been less than 6 MRI- related adverse events.

Where the figure provided is less than 6, and where simple calculations could identify fields that contain less than 6, the Trust has applied an exemption under Section 40(2) (personal data) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the Trust believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified if the figures were disclosed.

2. Where recorded, a breakdown of incidents by category. If available, examples may include:

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- **The number of incidents per year**

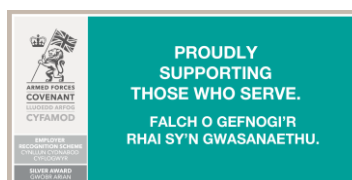
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- **Whether the incident was classified as harm, no harm, or near miss – all events have been no harm or near miss.**

4. If available within existing records, please indicate whether incidents involved:

- Ferromagnetic equipment or objects entering the MRI scanner room - No
- Non-MRI compatible equipment brought into the MRI scanner room - No
- Damage to the MRI scanner – No

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5. Operational impact, where recorded:

- **Estimated scanner downtime resulting from incidents (hours or days, if recorded) -**
None
- **Whether the scanner required service intervention or repair -** No
- **Number of MRI scans cancelled due to incidents -** None
- **Number of patients rescheduled due to incidents -** None

6. Financial impact, where recorded:

- **Any estimated cost of repair, servicing, or replacement -** None
- **Any estimated operational cost associated with scanner downtime -** None

7. If recorded, please indicate the incident reporting system used (for example Datix or other internal incident reporting systems).

Datix and Local Fault Log.

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.

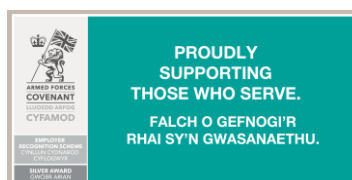
You should forward your complaint to:

Mr Ian Bevan via FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk
Head of Information Governance
Velindre University NHS Trust
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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
2nd Floor,
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Yours sincerely

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