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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 205-2020

Thank you for your email dated the 11th September, requesting information in relation to CT/MRI/X-ray.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. What proportion of emergency department images (x-ray, CT, MRI) were reported within the four-hour target* in December 2018 and December 2019, categorised by each examination?

*** Four-hour turnaround time for emergency department patients in line with In line with NHSE's four-hour A&E wait time standard**

Not applicable to The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust – we do not have an Emergency Department

2. What proportion of inpatient images (x-ray, CT, MRI) were reported within the 24-hour target, in December 2018 and December 2019, categorised by each examination.**

**** 24-hour reporting turnaround time for inpatient images, corresponding with NHS clinical standards for non-urgent inpatients**

December 2018

CT 53 Reported within 24hrs: 100%
MRI 39 Reported within 24hrs: 100%
XR 144 Reported within 24hrs: 100%

December 2019

CT 57 Reported in 24hrs: 100%
XR 159 Reported in 24hrs: 100%
MRI 58 Reported in 24hrs: 100%

3. How many radiology examinations (CT, MRI, x-ray) did your organisation conduct in 2018, 2019 and the first six months of 2020. Please can you provide the total number for each examination category for each year.

Total Number of Exams in Years			
Modality	2018	2019	2020
CT	12,610	13,677	7,023
MRI	9,434	10,461	4,495
XR	3,923	3,797	1,535

4. Did you have a backlog of unreported radiology examinations (CT, MRI, x-ray) in 2018, 2019 and the first six months of 2020? Please can you provide the average number of unreported images for each examination category for each year.

The Trust defines a backlog as follows:

Inpatients - Any radiology examination reported more than 24 Hours after the examination

Outpatients - Any radiology examination reported more than 7 days after the examination

Inpatients			
Modality	January to December 2018	January to December 2019	January to June 2020
CT	71	90	9
MRI	123	117	24
XR	527	591	76

Outpatients			
Modality	January to December 2018	January to December 2019	January to June 2020
CT	2,137	2,385	30
MRI	984	1,350	190
XR	77	200	12

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.