

***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023 I am pleased to confirm the following.

**Has your Trust implemented GIRFT pathway for suspected CES in all of its hospitals.**

Yes, MKUH implemented GIRFT pathway for suspected CES on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**If the answer to Q1 is affirmative, please advise when it was implemented and advise on the following:**

**Number of CES related training to staff in the period since implemented compared to the same period duration prior to implementation.**

We currently have 7 Radiographers fully trained to perform CES scans.

**Number of MRI scans undertaken for suspected CES in the period since implemented compared to the same period duration prior to implementation.**

We have scanned 42 patients from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

**Average time between MRI referral and performance of the scan for suspected CES in the period since implemented compared to the same period duration prior to implementation.**

Our average scan time is 2 hours 10 mins, 36 seconds.

**Number of patients who underwent surgery for CES in the period since implemented compared to the same period duration prior to implementation.**

4 patients.

**Breakdown of feedback raised by clinicians with your Trust regarding implementation of the pathway including total number of clinicians who provided feedback, whether positive or negative and its nature (for example resource issue /training/delays/patient**

Our current rosters are designed to allow staff members a day off after their on-call night to ensure they have the required minimum 11-hours rest period in case they are called in for emergencies. This may not always be feasible, especially in unforeseen circumstances like staff sickness. We are exploring options to ensure that we can continue to provide safe and effective service, even when such situations arise.

Other issues include; staff shortages in A&E regarding a chaperone being available to accompany patient to MRI, bed patient require more staff for transferring, also may need to have more porters available to take patient to MRI promptly.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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