

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 01 June 2020.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1. How many patients are currently awaiting an appointment for imaging studies/scans that have been requested? And how many are awaiting the results of scans that are yet to be assessed?**

CT 71
MRI 65
Ultrasound 267
(as of 15/7/2020 at 8 am)

Please can you specify how many of these are on a cancer pathway. Please also specify the date your records go up to. Please can you also provide the data for how many were waiting during the same time period last year.

Patients awaiting the results of scans that are yet to be assessed as of 31/07/2020 @ 11:49			
CT	86 total	12 on cancer pathway	
MRI	86 total	15 on cancer pathway	
Ultrasound	14 total	3 on cancer pathway	

NB. No period of time specified in question, unable to provide data for the two instances above dating back 12 months.

- 2. How many two-week wait cancer referrals had to wait longer than 14 days for an appointment in May 2020, May 2019, and May 2018? Please break this down by year and specialty receiving referral.**

	Breast	Colorectal	Gynaecology	Haematology	Head and Neck	Skin	Upper GI	Urology	Grand Total
2018	4	3	3	1	2	1	4	6	24
2019	26	20	22	3	3	6	10	13	103
2020 *	8	14	12	2	3	4	14	2	59

3. How many more scanners are needed to address the shortfall in imaging capacity?

An additional CT Scanner would provide useful additional capacity, however, the department now operates a 7am – 9pm service and continues to monitor request to scan timings for both routine and cancer referrals.

1 more CT and one more MRI

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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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