FOI 3143

Date 13/11/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. The number of referrals for Open MRIs for patient size (not claustrophobia) authorised by your Trust in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and until June 1, 2024.

Since we merged in April 2020 we have referred a number of pts to an external supplier for open MRIs. None of them were related to patient size.

1. Total remuneration for open MRI scans for patient size including staffing and MFF for the same time frame as above.

Nil

3. A single total figure for how much the Trust has spent on specialist bariatric equipment for the same time frame as above.

Difficult to answer as specialist equipment is used all around the Trust.

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Yours sincerely,

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