

Freedom of Information request 518-23

Request

Please provide information relating to the questions below for the machine types and years listed,

Years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.

Machine types: MRI scanner, PET scanner, CT scanner, linear accelerator (LINAC) and surgical robots (both Versius and Da Vinci).

1. For each year and for each machine type, how many units were owned or leased? (Please also provide dates for new machines that were either commissioned or decommissioned within a year).
2. For each machine that was either owned or leased between 2018 and 2022, please disclose a) the date of purchase, b) the capital value and c) whether the machine was still in use at the end of 2022 and, if not, the date it was decommissioned.
3. For each year and for each machine type, please provide details on the number of times they were used.

For each year and for each machine type, please provide details on their availability for use by number of scans/treatments/operations/procedures (apply when relevant).

Response

MRI

1. The number of MRI units is:
 - 2019 1 unit owned.
 - 2020 1 unit owned.
 - 2021 1 unit owned. Old unit decommissioned July 2021, new one commissioned in October 2021
 - 2022 1 unit owned.
2. MRI bought in 2005 and decommissioned in July 2021
MRI bought in 2020 then stored and installed 25 October 2021
Cost in region of £900,000
3. The number of times the MRI units were used is:
 - 2019 5141 patients
 - 2020 4694 patients
 - 2021 6899 patients
 - 2022 7719 patients
- 4 MRI scanner available and staffed 3,068 hours per year (59 hours per week) for all years.

CT scanner

1. The number of CT Scanners is:
 - 2019 1 main scanner owned. Hybrid scanner owned (gamma camera with CT scanner attached)
 - 2020 1 main scanner owned. Hybrid scanner owned (gamma camera with CT scanner attached)
 - 2021 1 main scanner owned. Hybrid scanner owned (gamma camera with CT scanner attached)
 - 2022 1 main scanner owned. Hybrid scanner owned (gamma camera with CT scanner attached)
2. Main CT scanner bought 01/04/2011 still in use at end of 2022. Cost £485,000
Hybrid scanner bought 31/03/2017 still in use at end of 2022 (back up scanner only) cost in region of £500,000.
3. The number of times the CT Scanners were used is:
 - 2019 13390 patients
 - 2020 1170 patients
 - 2021 1430 patients
 - 2022 14266 patients
4. Main CT scanner is available 24/7 for emergency patients.

CT Scanner is available for elective patients:

Monday – Friday 0830-1800
Saturday and Sunday 1030-1430

NHS Borders does not have a PET scanner, a Linear Accelerator (LINAC) or surgical robots (both Versius and Da Vinci).

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **518-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.