**FOI Ref: 6479**

**Category(ies): Trust - Estates and Facilities/Security Clinical - Equipment**

**Subject: MRI Safety and Helium Supply**

**Date Received: 06/07/2022**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| 1. How many incidents were reported by your Trust on the Datix incident reporting system under the category ‘MRI safety’?   Please tell me in the financial years a) 2020/21 and b) 2021/22 | 1. 2020/21 – 3 incidents 2. 2021/22 – 1 incident |
| 1. How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were listed under the division, ‘**MRI Non-Declared Internal Passive Metallic Implant’**?   Please tell me in the financial years a) 2020/21 and b) 2021/22 | 1. 2020/21 – 2x Passive incidents 2. 2021/22 – Zero Passive incidents |
| 1. How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were under the division **‘MRI Non-Declared Internal Active Metallic Implant’**?   Please tell me in the financial years a) 2020/21 and b) 2021/22 | 1. 2020/21 – 1x Active incidents 2. 2021/22 – 1x Active incidents |
| 1. For all of the incidents captured under 2 and 3 above in 2020/21 and 2021/22, can you please provide a verbatim copy of the description of the adverse event?   To avoid running into Section 40 exemptions, please redact any person identifiable information.  **Note:** The above is based on the understanding of MRI reporting procedures I derived from reading the following webpage: <https://www.mriphysics.scot.nhs.uk/reporting-incidents-and-near-misses/>. If the terminology used by your Trust is slightly different, please give me the nearest equivalent. | Please see spreadsheet |
| 4a) Finally, can you please tell me if MRI scanner(s) at your Trust have at any point needed to be temporarily left out of service due to supply chain issues impacting access to **helium** in 2021/22?  If the answer to this question is YES, please also tell me | We have not had any supply chain issues with Helium in 2021/2022 |
| 4b) How many machines were affected by the helium shortage? | Not Applicable |
| 4c) In which hospitals/buildings do those machine(s) operate? | Not Applicable |
| 4d) How long were the machine(s) out of action as a result of the helium shortage? | Not Applicable |
| 4e) How many patients were affected by the MRI scanner outage? | Not Applicable |