

08.23.26 - Radiology Scanners

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

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No of Scanners in Use	2019	2020	2021	2022
CT Scanner	3	3	5	5
MRI Scanner	3	3	3	3

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Scanner	Date of Purchase	Date of Decommission	Ownership	Capital Value	In use at end of 2022	Availability
CT Scanner	01/01/2010	30/03/2021	Owned		No	24/7
CT Scanner	01/01/2007	28/03/2021	Owned		No	24/7
CT Scanner	01/01/2010	23/02/2020	Owned		No	7.5 hours per day weekdays only
CT Scanner	01/01/2001	30/03/2021	Owned		No	Not used
MRI Scanner	01/01/2001	30/03/2019	Owned		No	10 hours per day weekday only
MRI Scanner	19/12/2017	N/A	Owned	£710,852	Yes	9 hours per day weekdays only
MRI Scanner	04/06/2018	N/A	Owned	£843,467	Yes	12 hours per day weekdays only
CT Scanner	31/03/2021	N/A	MES Contract	Section 43 below	Yes	24/7
CT Scanner	29/03/2021	N/A	MES Contract	Section 43 below	Yes	24/7
CT Scanner	24/02/2020	N/A	MES Contract	Section 43 below	Yes	7.5 hours per day weekdays only
CT Scanner	31/03/2021	N/A	MES Contract	Section 43 below	Yes	12 hours per day weekdays only
MRI Scanner	31/03/2019	N/A	MES Contract	Section 43 below	Yes	12 hours per day weekdays only
CT Scanner	31/03/2021	N/A	Donated Asset	£392,400	Yes	24/7

The Trust are unable to provide the information as requested on the grounds that this information is commercially sensitive and has, therefore, been withheld pursuant to Section 43 of the Act.

Section 43 (2) exempts from disclosure the following:

(2) Information, the disclosure of which would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person including those of the public authority holding the information.

Our supplier has made clear representation that pricing for the service/ initial project and value of annual support/maintenance services is commercially sensitive information, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice their commercial interests, as it would provide alternative bidders with an understanding of their costs (which would not be reciprocated) with respect to similar contracts in the NHS, thereby undermining their ability to tender, on fair and equal terms, for such contracts. The Trust considers that there is potential for such harm to arise with reasonable proximity and, therefore, that the exemption under Section 43(2) of the Act is engaged.

The Trust acknowledges the public interest in publication of the information; specifically the interest in transparency with respect to expenditure on services, as a means of assisting the taxpayer in evaluating their value for money. However, there is a competing public interest in preserving fair market competition and the ability of public authorities to obtain value for money when sourcing services. In previous rulings the Information Commissioner has made clear that the Freedom of Information Act is not intended to distort fair market competition. In this case, the Trust therefore considers that the public interest in preserving fair competition outweighs the general public interest in transparency and is therefore applying the exemption under Section 43(2).

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Scanner	2019	2020
CT Scanner	19267	16147
CT Scanner	22498	20612
CT Scanner	7526	6894
MRI Scanner	6171	8718
MRI Scanner	4651	4640
MRI Scanner	8495	7908

Scanner	2022	2021
MRI Scanner	7116	6606
MRI Scanner	9911	9494
CT Scanner	21175	16217

CT Scanner	24950	22815
CT Scanner	5506	7439
CT Scanner	5549	1318
MRI Scanner	10122	9546
CT Scanner	7949	8794

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