

## **Freedom of Information Act Request**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information relating to A&E MRI scan referrals guideline procedures:

- What are A&E guideline procedures for referring patients to MRI scans?

If Clinical Staff identify any urgent or emergency clinical concerns, they refer the patient to the Specialty Team for an opinion and subsequent management plan.

The Specialty Team will then arrange an MRI if it is urgent. For example: Cauda Equina Syndrome (spinal cord compression). If there are any clinical suspicions or red flags, ED Clinicians will refer the patient to the orthopaedic team for review in the Emergency Department. The Orthopaedic Team in this instance will assess the patient and arrange an MRI.

All other non-emergency MRIs will be arranged by the specialty team or GP.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to [d.wraith@nhs.net](mailto:d.wraith@nhs.net).

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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