

## Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information for December 2024 to November 2025, financial year 2024/25, or the most recent 12 month period available:

### 1. Scan volume

Total number of lower limb duplex or Doppler ultrasound scans performed for suspected deep vein thrombosis (DVT).

**ANS:** The Trust is able to provide data for lower limb duplex/Doppler ultrasound scans for suspected deep vein thrombosis (DVT) based on the way this activity is currently recorded within Trust systems.

Data in a format that allows these scans to be reliably identified by scan type and clinical indication has only been available from 15 July 2025 onwards. Prior to this date, scan activity was not recorded in a way that enables the Trust to accurately distinguish lower limb duplex or Doppler ultrasound scans performed specifically for suspected DVT. As a result, data for earlier periods is not held in an extractable format.

To ensure the figures provided are accurate and comparable, the Trust has reported full calendar months only. Partial months (July 2025 and January 2026) have therefore been excluded, as inclusion would result in artificially low figures that may be misleading.

The data provided covers the period August 2025 to December 2025, during which a total of 433 scans were recorded, as set out below:

Month	Admitted Patients
August 2025	76
September 2025	59
October 2025	86
November 2025	105
December 2025	107
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>433</b>

### 2. Waiting times

a) Average time from order to completion, or request to scan completion, whichever your systems record.

Order Status	Average of Waiting times(hours)
Scheduled	99

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>99</b>
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b) If recorded, the number or percentage of patients who received their scan within:

i. 4 hours

ii. between 4 and 24 hours

iii. between 24 and 48 hours

iv. more than 48 hours after request

(for example: X% within 4 hours, Y% between 4 and 24 hours, Z% more than 48 hours, etc).

<b>Order Status</b>	<b>Number of patients</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>
<b>Scheduled</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
4 hours	68	15.70%
between 24 and 48 hours	47	10.85%
between 4 and 24 hours	237	54.73%
more than 48 hours after request	81	18.71%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### 3. Overnight admissions

Number admitted overnight specifically to await their scan, if recorded.

This information is not held by the Trust.

Patients who undergo scans overnight may already be admitted to a ward for clinical reasons unrelated to imaging, or may be awaiting a scan as part of their ongoing inpatient care. The Trust does not record or code admissions as being made specifically “to await a scan”, nor does it record waiting times in a way that distinguishes patients admitted solely for this purpose.

As a result, it is not possible to identify or report the number of patients who were admitted overnight specifically to wait for a scan, or to reliably attribute waiting times to admission for imaging alone.

Any format is fine. If exact breakdowns are not available, please provide whatever waiting time data your

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systems hold with a brief note on what is measured.

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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