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Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2024-000128 – Mobile MRI units.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 18 March 2024.

Do we know how many mobile MRI units there are within Scotland that the individual health boards can access? Are these mobile units provided by private companies but funded by NHS for their patients or are they NHS owned mobile MRI units?

We have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

Under section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, 2002 (FOISA) an organisation does not have to provide that information if it does not hold it. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not know the exact amount of mobile MRI units available to NHS Scotland. These are procured through national framework, [NP16923 Imaging Services](#). This framework has several suppliers that can provide MRI vans, either staffed or unstaffed, to Health Boards (HB's) that have identified a need for additional capacity or require cover whilst their MRI is inoperative. Scottish Government (SG) funding will pay for 7.5 staffed units that have been identified for use during 2024/25. NSS does not own any mobile MRI units, these units are owned by private companies who have tendered in the above framework.

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the

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or at the email address nss.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.



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If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely



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