

## **Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd like to request the following information please in relation to the diagnosis and treatment of Cauda Equina Syndrome at your Trust (where such treatment is offered).

1. *How many times in the following years has surgical decompression (lumbar decompression) for Cauda Equina been carried out at the Trust?*
  - a. 2019/20
  - b. 2020/21
  - c. 2021/22

*Is the on-site MRI unit open and available to patients 24 hours a day? If not, when does it close*

The Trust provides a Magnetic Resonance Imaging service between 8am and 8pm seven days per week at both Bassetlaw Hospital and Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Outside of these hours a patient presenting with potential cauda equine syndrome would need to be transferred to Sheffield for imaging.