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REF: 2026-102
Subject: CT Scans, MRI Scans and Digital Autopsy Imaging Events

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **03/02/2026** where you requested information about **CT Scans, MRI Scans and Digital Autopsy Imaging Events.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer	
Please note: figures not broken down as DD/MM/YYYY as this risks breaching confidentiality due to the smaller number which would be spread throughout each month		
1. Number of CT scans performed in August and September 2025, broken down by date, department (Emergency Department, Clinical Decisions Unit, Radiology/Outpatients, Digital Autopsy referrals, etc.).	August 2025 ▪ **Emergency Department:** 1217 ▪ **Clinical Decisions Unit (AAU2):** <5 ▪ **Radiology:** not applicable as radiology do not refer patients for investigations ▪ **Outpatients (general, ENT/max-fax, paediatrics, orthopaedics, CDC):** 1052 **Digital autopsy:** 57	September 2025 ▪ **Emergency Department:** 1219 ▪ **Clinical Decisions Unit (AAU2):** 0 ▪ **Radiology:** not applicable as radiology do not refer patients for investigations ▪ **Outpatients (general, ENT/max-fax, paediatrics, orthopaedics, CDC):** 1140 **Digital autopsy:** 89
2. Number of MRI scans performed in August and September 2025, broken down by date with the same departmental breakdown.	August 2025 ▪ **Emergency Department:** 47 ▪ **Clinical Decisions Unit (AAU2):** 0	September 2025 ▪ **Emergency Department:** 44 ▪ **Clinical Decisions Unit (AAU2):** 0

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- **Radiology:** not applicable as radiology do not refer patients for investigations
- **Outpatients (general, ENT/max-fax, paediatrics, orthopaedics, CDC):** 1190
Digital autopsy: Not applicable

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- **Radiology:** not applicable as radiology do not refer patients for investigations
- **Outpatients (general, ENT/max-fax, paediatrics, orthopaedics, CDC):** 1252
Digital autopsy: Not applicable

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<tr><td>3. Number of digital autopsy imaging events (e.g., number of post-mortem CT scans). performed in August and September 2025, broken down by date.</td><td colspan="2">See response to question 1</td></tr>
<tr><td>4. For each category above, a breakdown by patient ethnicity (e.g., White, Asian, Black, Mixed, Other — using standard NHS ethnicity codes).

Key:

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<tr><th>National Code</th><th>National Code Definition</th></tr>
<tr><td>A</td><td>White - British</td></tr>
<tr><td>B</td><td>White - Irish</td></tr>
<tr><td>C</td><td>White - Any other White background</td></tr>
<tr><td>D</td><td>White - Any other White background</td></tr>
<tr><td>E</td><td>Mixed - White and Black African</td></tr>
<tr><td>F</td><td>Mixed - White and Asian</td></tr>
<tr><td>G</td><td>Mixed - Any other mixed background</td></tr>
<tr><td>H</td><td>Asian or Asian British - Indian</td></tr>
<tr><td>J</td><td>Asian or Asian British - Pakistani</td></tr>
<tr><td>K</td><td>Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi</td></tr>
<tr><td>L</td><td>Asian or Asian British - Any other Asian background</td></tr>
<tr><td>M</td><td>Black or Black British - Caribbean</td></tr>
<tr><td>N</td><td>Black or Black British - African</td></tr>
<tr><td>P</td><td>Black or Black British - Any other Black background</td></tr>
<tr><td>R</td><td>Other Ethnic Groups - Chinese</td></tr>
<tr><td>S</td><td>Other Ethnic Groups - Any other ethnic group</td></tr>
<tr><td>Z</td><td>Not stated</td></tr>
<tr><td>99</td><td>Not known</td></tr>
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</td><td>August 2025 CT

We haven’t yet been able to produce this by Emergency Department, CDU and outpatients separately; this is the combined ethnicity breakdown for these combined:

A: 1593
B: 10
C: 24
D: <5
E: <5
F: <5
G: 7
H: 73
J: 55
K: <5</td><td>September 2025 CT

We haven’t yet been able to produce this by Emergency Department, CDU and outpatients separately; this is the combined ethnicity breakdown for these combined:

A: 1636
B: 10
C: 33
D: 0
E: <5
F: 7
G: 9
H: 71
J: 89</td></tr>
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	L: 22 M: <5 N: 13 P: <5 R: <5 S: 20 Z: 426 99: <5 ▪ **Radiology:** not applicable as radiology do not refer patients for investigations ▪ **Digital autopsy:** A: 54 J: <5 L: <5	K: <5 L: 20 M: <5 N: 15 P: <5 R: <5 S: 20 Z: 429 99: 8 ▪ **Radiology:** not applicable as radiology do not refer patients for investigations ▪ **Digital autopsy:** A: 86 J: <5 L: <5
	August 2025 MR We haven't yet been able to produce this by Emergency Department, CDU and outpatients separately; this is the combined ethnicity breakdown for these combined: A: 739 B: 7 C: 21 D: <5 E: <5 F: <5 G: 7 H: 73 J: 55	September 2025 MR We haven't yet been able to produce this by Emergency Department, CDU and outpatients separately; this is the combined ethnicity breakdown for these combined: A: 1593 B: 10 C: 24 D: <5 E: 0 F: <5 G: <5 H: 69

	K: <5 L: 22 M: <5 N: 13 P: <5 R: <5 S: 20 Z: 426 99: <5 ▪ **Radiology:** not applicable as radiology do not refer patients for investigations **Digital autopsy:** Not applicable	J: 47 K: <5 L: 21 M: <5 N: 14 P: <5 R: <5 S: 21 Z: 270 99: 6 ▪ **Radiology:** not applicable as radiology do not refer patients for investigations **Digital autopsy:** Not applicable

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