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MRI at Royal Victoria Hospital

- 1) When did the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast acquire its first MRI scanning machine (I mean the date it started to operate on)?**

Staff training started in January 1993 and the MRI scanner officially opened for service in April 1993

- 2) How many MRI scans were performed in the RVH, Belfast in the following two calendar years, 2001 and 2002?**

The Radiology information system in 2001/02 was NIRADS. This was replaced in approximately 2006/07 by a new system. The figures detailed below refer to the number of studies migrated to the new system:

2001 = 4843

2002 = 3056

- 3) How many neurology patients were referred for MRI scans in the RVH, Belfast in the years 2001 and 2002?**

The Radiology information system in 2001/02 was NIRADS. This was replaced in approximately 2006/07 by a new system. The figures detailed below refer to the number of studies migrated to the new system:

2001 = 581

2002 = 250

There was a MRI scanner replacement project completed in approximately 2002 which impacted on capacity.