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Information for patients and carers

Having an MRI Scan

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You need to go to the hospital for an MRI scan.





An MRI is like a photograph that shows the inside of your body.

This helps the doctors work out how to look after you.



At the hospital, you will go to the MRI department.

The receptionist will ask you your name to make sure it is you.

Then you can sit down in the waiting room or quiet room.



A hospital worker will call your name to ask you and your carer some questions.

This is to check you are okay to have the scan.

	For most MRI scans you can wear your own clothes. Avoid wearing any clothing with metal zips or fastenings. Remove any jewellery.
	You may need to get changed into a hospital gown.
	You can keep the things you have brought safe in a locker.



Your parent or carer can be with you.



We may put a very small, thin tube in your hand.

You may not feel this.



You will need to lie down on the MRI bed.

The bed will move into the scanner.

Try to keep very still.

	The hospital workers will watch through a screen to make sure you are ok.
	Afterwards, you can go home if you are well and are not having any other tests or appointments.
	Smoking is not permitted on hospital premises. Thank you for not smoking.

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk
www.nhs.uk
www.accessable.co.uk
www.patient.co.uk
www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/veteran-aware
https://bepartofresearch.nihr.ac.uk/

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Contact details

If you have any questions or worries, please telephone: **01772 523999.**

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www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/patient-information-leaflets

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If you want to stop smoking, you can also contact Smokefree Lancashire on Freephone **08081962638**

Please ask a member of staff if you would like help in understanding this information.
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