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Information for patients and carers

Having an MRI Scan under anaesthetic

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



You will be asleep for the scan. This means you will not feel anything or know what is happening.



You will need to stop eating and drinking a few hours before you come into hospital.



When you arrive 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.

	The doctors will give you some medicine using a mask to make you sleepy.
	We will put a very small, thin tube in your hand. You may not feel this.
	This is to inject a small amount of liquid to help the Doctor see inside your body.



We will take this out after the scan.



Next, you will have the scan.



The hospital workers will watch through a screen to make sure you are ok.

	After the scan, you will start to wake up. The hospital workers will check you often to make sure you are feeling 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 528124.**

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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**

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This information can be made available in large print, audio, Braille and in other languages.

Our patient information group review our leaflets regularly, if you feel you would like to feedback on this information or to join our reading group please contact us on email address: patientexperienceandinvolvem@LTHTR.nhs.uk

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