

What to expect

from your MRI today...

NOISE

The MRI scanner will make loud and unusual noises whilst taking your pictures. Earphones and/or earplugs will be given, and music may be available.

TIME

The time taken for the scan will vary depending on what is being scanned but on average can take 20 to 40 minutes.

COMFORT

We will use pads, cushions and supports to help make you more comfortable for the scan. It is important to be as comfortable as possible from the beginning to help you keep still throughout.

HAZARD

The MRI scanner uses a powerful magnet so people with certain types of medical implants or devices may not be able to be scanned. Please **remove all metal** from your body including loose change from your pockets.

CONTROL

You will be given a call bell whilst having your scan. Should you need to stop simply squeeze this and a member of staff will be straight in.



MAGNET

An MRI scanner is a large, hollow cylinder open at both ends. A strong magnetic field and radio waves are used to create images of organs and other structures inside you.

COIL

A 'receiving device' like an aerial, may be placed behind or around the part of the body being examined. This detects the tiny radio signals emitted from the body during the scan.

COMMUNICATION

There is an intercom in the scanner so you will be able to talk to the MRI operator between scans.