

Manchester Cancer Radiology Provision:

Hospital	MR provision for MSCC Mon-Fri and Out of Hours (OOH)	Comments	Epidural Spinal Cord Compression Scale (ESCC) - Bilsky 2010
Royal Bolton	Mon – Fri, MSCC slot 1 pm OOH - Saturday	Provision on a Saturday, but not on Sunday, no official slot, requires discussion between referring Consultant and the on-call Consultant Radiologist	
Christie NHS Foundation Trust	Mon, Tue 08:45 – 17:00 Wed, Thu, Fri 07:30 – 20:00 OOH - 17:00 Fri until 8:45 Mon am – or next working day if a Bank Holiday	OOH - MSCC slots are available Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 12 pm. Patients with suspected MSCC who require urgent MR scan at the weekend should be discussed urgently in person by the referring consultant / MSCC coordinator and the on-call consultant radiologist.	In use
Central Manchester Foundation Trust - MFT	Mon – Fri, MSCC /urgent slot available at 09:00 08:00 – 20:00 Mon to Sat and Bank Holidays OOH – 08:00 – 20:00 Sat and BH, Sun – available on d/w Cons Radiologist	OOH - Sunday service available following discussion between referring Consultant and Consultant Radiologist. Imaging pathway available	In use
Leighton Hospital	Mon – Fri 09:00 – 21:00 OOH – Sat – Sun 08:00 – 20:00	OOH – patients admitted out of hours will be scanned following day. MSCC slot made available following discussion between referring Consultant and Consultant Radiologist.	
Macclesfield Hospital	Mon – Fri up to 16:30, MSCC slot at 09:00 OOH - Sat 08:30 – 16:00, Sun – on discussion with Consultant Radiologist	OOH - Consultant to consultant referral, no official MSCC slot. Sundays, on discussion with Consultant Radiologist and if able to report.	

<p>Pennine Trust</p>	<p><u>ROH</u> Mon – Fri 08:00 – 20:00 OOH Sat – Sun 08:00 – 16:00</p> <p><u>NMGH</u> Mon – Fri 08:00 -20:00 however after 4pm tends to be OP scans only. OOH – radiologist on call available for vetting and reporting but not on site for scanning – patient would be scanned next day and aim to be allocated earliest slot to meet 24hr standard.</p> <p><u>FGH</u> Mon-Fri 08:00 to 20:00 OOH – Scan 08:00 to 20:00 but predominantly OP as no available radiologist to report</p>	<p>ROH team aware MSCC scans need to be performed within 24hrs to meet standard and will keep scanner free between 3-4pm to accommodate any ‘emergencies’ that may present.</p> <p>NMGH OOH - Consultant to consultant referral. Some problems experienced in getting scans reported (would then be referred to SRFT) – this is a rare occurrence and would be logged as an incident.</p> <p>FGH – OOH would be able to scan MSCC patient over the weekend but not likely to get reported until Monday morning as no radiologist available. A datix would be submitted in the event of this.</p>	
<p>Salford Royal Foundation Trust</p>	<p>24 hours daily</p> <p>MR scan under IV sedation available Tuesday and Friday am for SRFT patients</p>	<p>Accept patients with deteriorating neurology out of hours only where imaging not available at local radiology department. No SLA with any of the local hospitals for MR scanning.</p> <p>If neurology is changing and scan cannot be done locally, then referring medical consultant at referring DGH to discuss with RMO at SRFT (via switchboard 789 73 73 bleep 3693). If Emergency Admission Unit (EAU) at SRFT accept patient then they will request MR scan.</p> <p>A bed should be kept at referring DGH so that patient can be transferred back for ongoing social/medical treatment (this should be clarified by EAU Consultant when accepting referral).</p> <p>Anaesthetic input required throughout and monitoring with SaO2 probe without metal. Longer MR slot required for this.</p>	

Stepping Hill Hospital	<p>Mon – Fri hours 07:00 – 17:00</p> <p>OOH – OP service only (no MSCC)</p>	<p>OOH - Referring Consultant to discuss patients (with deteriorating neurology only) with RMO at SRFT (via switch 789 7373 bleep 3693). If Emergency Admission Unit (EAU) at SRFT accept patient, MR scan will be requested. Bed to be kept at SHH so patient can be transferred back, unless patient is a surgical candidate and has been discussed with Spinal team.</p>	
Tameside Hospital	<p>Mon – Fri 08:30 – 17:00, slot made available if suspicion of MSCC</p> <p>OOH - Sat and Sun - OP service only (no MSCC)</p>	<p>OOH - Referring Consultant to discuss patients (with deteriorating neurology only) with RMO at SRFT (via switch 789 7373 bleep 3693). If Emergency Admission Unit (EAU) at SRFT accept patient, MR scan will be requested. Bed to be kept at Tameside Hospital so patient can be transferred back, unless patient is a surgical candidate and has been discussed with Spinal team.</p>	<p>E-mail from Dr Kilheeny to Nicky Hopkins:</p> <p>At the moment, if a patient comes in overnight we would scan them next morning, and we don't currently have any provision for weekend scanning. So these patients would need to be transferred. If we are able to do it outside these hours we will always try to accommodate, but we cannot guarantee it at the moment. However, we are in the process of trying to increase our resilience for this – we are hopeful we will be able to offer an emergency cord compression service 8am-8pm 7 days per week. There are several obstacles that need to be overcome to achieve this, but that is what we are working toward.</p>
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan	<p>Mon – Fri 08:30 – 17:00, daily MSCC slot</p> <p>OOH - Sat – Sun, no formal MSCC service, discuss with Consultant Radiologist</p>	<p>OOH - Consultant to consultant referral. If Consultant Radiologist available and staffing allow, patient can be scanned.</p>	

Wythenshawe Hospital – MFT	Mon – Fri 08:00 – 18:00, daily MSCC slot OOH – Sat – Sun, one free available slot, not specific to MSCC, but will scan patients where there is suspicion.	OOH – Discuss with duty Radiologist	

Out of Hours MR scanning at SRFT:

- Patients to be scanned at their local DGH – (Salford Radiology does not accept imaging requests from anywhere outside Salford)
- If neurology is stable then appropriate to scan on Monday – (ie patient remains at their DGH)
- If neurology is changing and scan cannot be done locally, then referring medical consultant at referring DGH to discuss with RMO at SRFT (via switchboard 789 73 73 bleep 3693).
- If). If Emergency Admission Unit (EAU) at SRFT accept patient then they will request MR scan
- A bed should be kept at referring DGH so that patient can be transferred back for on-going social/medical treatment (this should be clarified by EAU Consultant when accepting referral)

NB: A cancer patient will usually stay under the care of a medical consultant until deemed a surgical candidate – this will usually occur after MR imaging – the MSCC pathway describes this.

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