



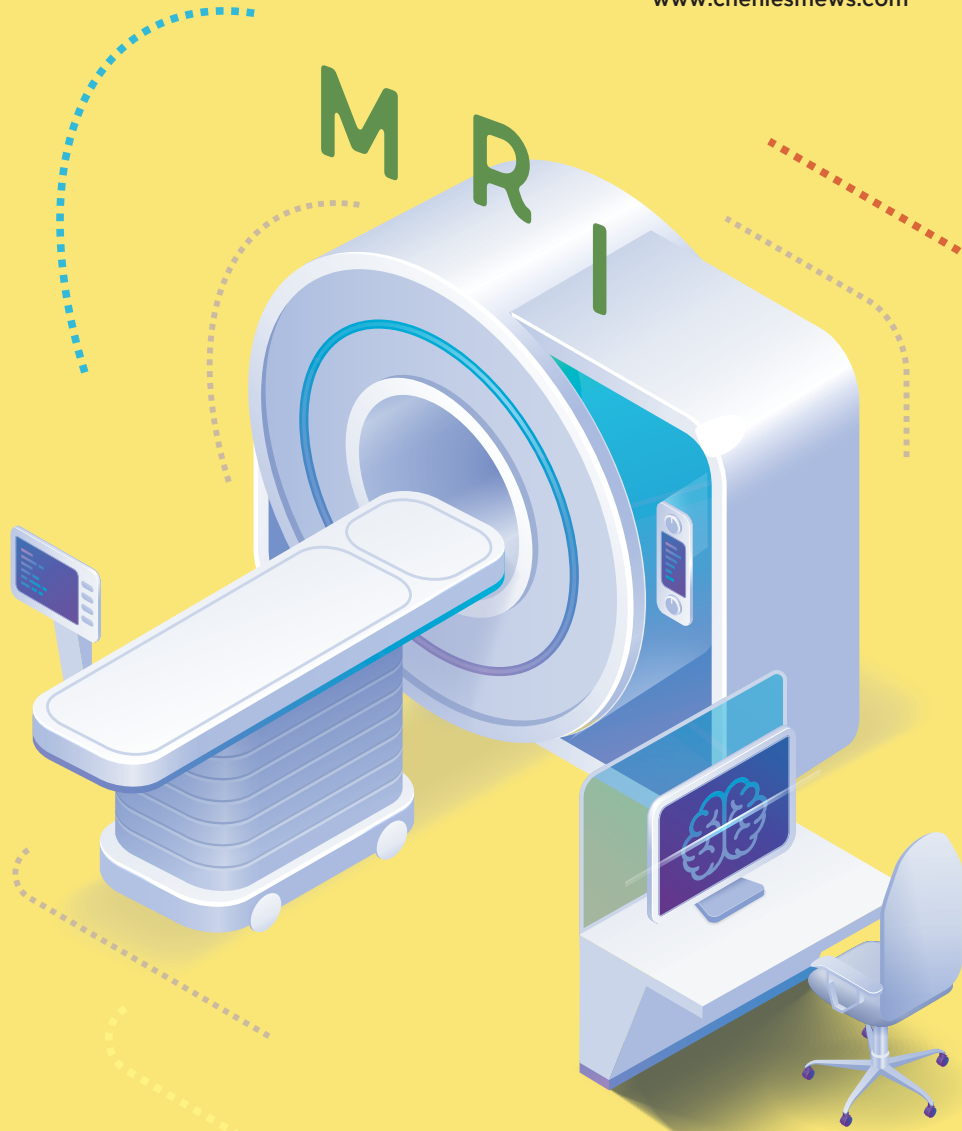
CHENIES MEWS
IMAGING CENTRE

Information leaflet for children

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Having an MRI Scan

You have been given this leaflet because the doctor has asked for you to have a special test. It is called an MRI scan or 'Magnetic Resonance Imaging' scan, and it takes pictures of your body.



What is an MRI scanner?

It is a large machine which has a very strong magnet inside. It is round with a hole in the middle and is open at both ends. It is a bit like a toilet roll tube. There is a bed which moves in and out through the hole.

It can take detailed pictures of the inside of your body that are sent to a computer for us to look at. A special doctor, called a Radiologist or Cardiologist, will then look at these pictures and write to your doctor, who will speak to you and your parents/carers next time you visit.

Does it hurt?

The scan does not hurt. It is very loud when it takes pictures, but you can wear earphones or earplugs. You can listen to some music while we take your pictures. You may need to have a small injection during the scan but we can use magic numbing cream or cold spray so that it does not hurt.



What happens when you have an MRI scan?

- You will stand on weighing scales so that we can measure your weight and height.
- If you have any metal on your clothes, such as zips, you may need to change into a hospital gown. This is because you cannot wear anything metal while you are in the scanner.
- If you are wearing anything metal, like a watch, jewellery, or glasses, we will put them in a locker and look after them for you. You will have them back after your scan.
- You will lie on the scanner table and get comfy.
- The bed slides in and out very slowly.
- The scanner is very noisy, but we will give you headphones to wear so that you can listen to music.
- The scan usually takes about 30-40 minutes, though it can take longer.

- The radiographer can talk to you through a speaker and can hear you.
- It is very important that you stay very still so that the pictures are clear.
- Your parent/carer can stay with you while you have your scan.
- When we have all of the pictures we need, you can go home.
- Our doctor will look at your pictures and tell your doctor what they see. Your doctor will then tell you and your parents about your scan when you next go to see them.

What do I do if I cannot keep my appointment?

Please ask your parent or guardian to call Chenies Mews Imaging Centre on 020 3887 0566 as soon as you know you cannot make the appointment, so it can be rescheduled.

Please tell us before your appointment if you need any other support, for example, an interpreter. We will do our best to help.