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Epilepsy and Intellectual Disability  
**Having an MRI Scan**



**1** An MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scan takes detailed pictures of your brain.



**3** The MRI scan is done in hospital. You can bring someone with you.



**2** An MRI scan may help your doctor to understand why you have epilepsy.



**4** The radiographer will ask you some questions to keep you safe.





**5** You need to remove your watch and jewellery and empty your pockets before having an MRI scan.



**7** The radiographer will ask you to lie on the bed. They will make sure you feel comfortable then the bed will slowly move inside the machine.



**6** Having an MRI scan doesn't hurt. The machine is noisy. You can wear ear plugs or listen to music.



**8** You will be given a buzzer to press in case you are worried.



**9** You will need to lie still when the pictures are taken.



**11** Once you have had the MRI scan you can go home.



**10** The MRI scan will take about 20 minutes.



**12** The doctor will explain the test results at your next hospital clinic appointment.



## Booklets and films available:



**Having an  
MRI Scan**



**Having an  
EEG**



**Having Video  
Telemetry**



**Having VNS  
Surgery**



**Transition into  
Adult Services**



**Living Well with  
Epilepsy**



**About Our  
Service**

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