

If you are worried about having an MRI scan and would like to talk to someone, you can contact:

- Your doctor
- Your local Learning Disabilities Team

Having an MRI scan



This leaflet explains what happens when you go to hospital for an MRI scan.

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An MRI scan is a special photograph of the inside of any part of your body.

It can show the doctor if there is anything wrong with you.

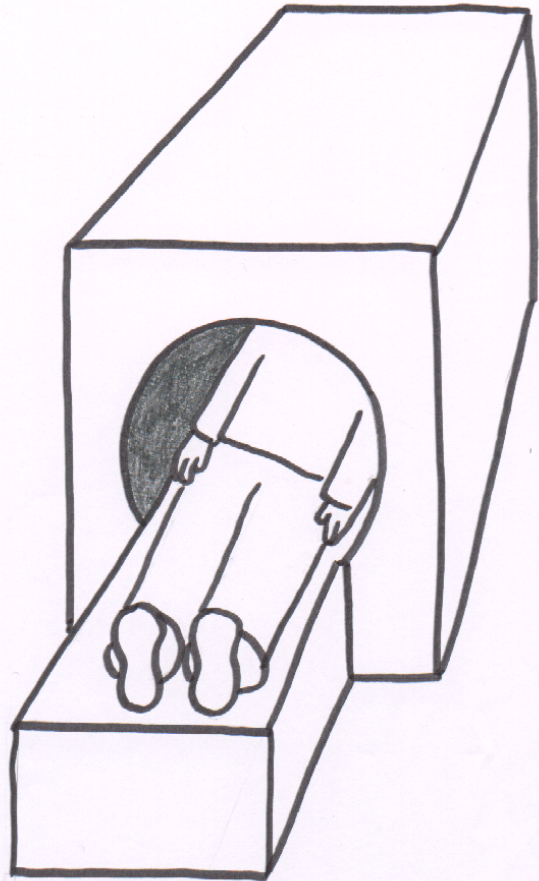
It is done in a hospital by a radiographer.

It is very noisy but does not hurt!

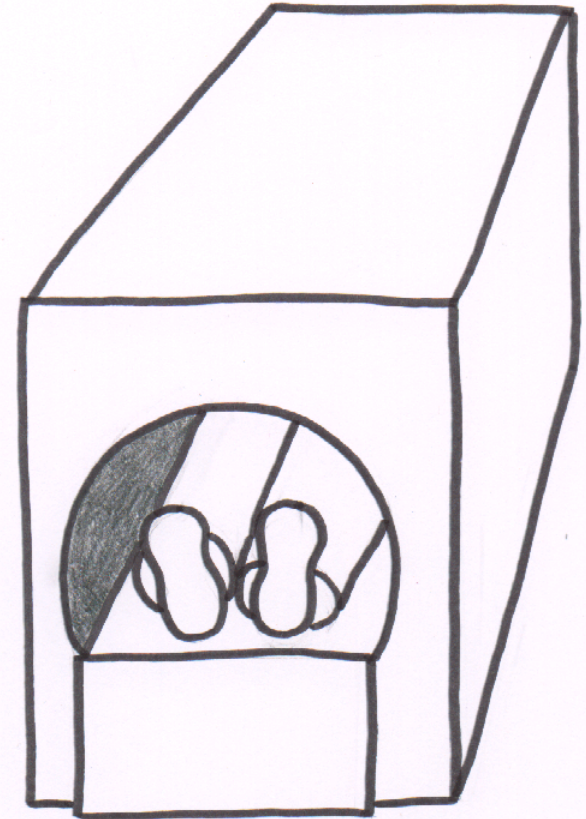
This leaflet tells you what might happen when you have an MRI scan of your brain.



- **About a week later the results will be sent to the doctor who will tell you what they mean.**



- The bench will move slowly through a hole into a tunnel.
- You will hear a loud banging noise. Don't be frightened, it won't hurt!



- It is important to relax. You must lie very still while you are in the tunnel so that the photographs are clear.



- The bench will move slowly out of the tunnel.
- This means your MRI scan has finished.
- The radiographer will help you up and say you can go.



- The radiographer will give you some earplugs and a special helmet to wear.
- You will be asked to lie down on a bench.
- A strap will be put around your head to keep it still.

