

FOI REF: 22/593

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

NHS Trust: East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

1. Approximately how many medical devices/EBME devices does the trust own?

27,000 medical devices.

2. Approximately how many patient beds does the Trust have?

870 beds.

3. Does the trust subcontract the maintenance of medical/EBME devices to an outside provider(s) or does it maintain the devices using internal engineers?

No.

3a. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the name of the company(s)?

Not applicable.

3b. If an external provider(s) is used, what was the value of the contract when awarded?

Not applicable.

3c. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract type – PPM/ Fully-Comprehensive / Ad-hoc support?

Not applicable.

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3d. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract renewal date(s)?

Not applicable.

4. Please provide the name, email address of the role responsible for managing medical devices within the trust

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5. If medical device maintenance is managed internally, how many clinical engineers are employed by the Trust?

12 technical staff.

6. What is the current % of assets 'within service date' – ie, the date by which a device must be serviced has not expired? (This will be a standard KPI)

M6 September 2022 Compliance rate measured at 98%

Definitions

Medical Device

A medical device is any device intended to be used for medical purposes. For the purposes of this query, examples such as Anaesthetic machine, patient monitor, Infusion device, ECG Machine etc.

EBME

Electro-Biomedical Engineering, also referred to as Clinical Engineering, Medical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, MEMS, etc.

PPM

Planned Preventative Maintenance, ie annual service.

Fully Comprehensive

Maintenance contract covering cost of Planned Maintenance and cost of repair parts and labour of equipment

Ad-hoc support

Subcontracted work to engineering company on an informal basis.

KPI

Key Performance Indicator to measure the performance of a contract or department.

***For clarity, contact details are kept in the strictest confidence. These details are used only to contact with information of legitimate interest for the relevant contracts.**

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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