

FOI REF: 23/577

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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:

I would like to request a list of all the patient warming/cooling/ targeted temperature management systems currently in use within the Trust please - Specifically in the ICU department.

Please could you provide:

1) Name of hospital.

[Please see the attached document.](#)

2) Manufacturer and model of unit(s) in use.

[Please see the attached document.](#)

3) Age of each unit (date installed or date purchased).

[The units' range in age from installed within the last 12 months to over 20 years.](#)

4) If they are on a consumable contract or purchased outright.

[All units have been purchased outright by the Trust as part of the original hospital build or as part of wider capital investment programmes. It is not Trust policy to enter into a rental agreement for this type of equipment.](#)

5) The cost of the device.

[Given the wide range of the age of the units and that they were often purchased as part of a wider capital investment the cost of each individual unit is not available.](#)

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6) E-mail address of equipment lead for theatres and ICU.

The Clinical Engineering Lead is Simeon Beaumont.

We are unable to provide the email address of Trust staff, as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact numbers for the main hospital are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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