

FOI REF: 24/287

7th May 2024

**Via email to:**

### 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:

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

26,000.

**2) Approximately how many patient beds does the Trust have?**

1,000.

**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?**

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

Internal team.

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

Internal team.

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

Internal team.

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

Internal team.

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

Simeon Beaumont  
Head of Clinical Engineering

We are unable to provide the contact details of 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 number for the Trust 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.

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

12.

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

90%.

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](mailto: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  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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