

FOI REF: 25/549

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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 the following information for each hospital site within your trust

1. Regarding your Holter monitor devices:

- a. **Do you directly purchase reusable Holter monitors? If so, which company(ies) and product(s) do you currently use (e.g., Spacelabs)?**

[Yes, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust purchased devices from Spacelabs and Novacor.](#)

- b. **How much do you pay for analysis software per license?**

[We do not hold this information broken down to this level as the computer systems were purchased at the same time as the Holter monitors.](#)

- c. **Approximately how many tests do you perform per year using these monitors?**

[R tests for 2024 = 2075
24-hour tapes for 2024 = 4778](#)

2. Regarding outsourced Holter monitoring services:

- a. **Do you use outsourced analysis services, either with single-use disposable Holter monitors (e.g., iRhythm Zio) or reusable devices (e.g., ECG on Demand, Express Diagnostics)? Which company(ies) and products do you use?**

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- b. **What is the cost per Holter monitor or test under these outsourced services?**

Not applicable.

- c. **How many tests do you carry out annually through outsourced providers?**

Not applicable.

- d. **Are these services under a formal contract? If yes, when is the contract due to expire?**

Not applicable.

- e. **What is the current waiting time (in weeks) for Holter monitor fitting?**

Wait time for 24-hour tapes 6 – 12 weeks.

- f. **Do you currently experience a backlog in analysis? If so, how many tests are pending?**

35.

3. **Clinical service scope and strategic planning:**

- a. **Is the information above specific to cardiology services, stroke services, or both?**

Both.

- b. **Is your Trust considering purchasing new ambulatory ECG Holter monitors, either to replace older or damaged devices or to increase capacity?**

No.

- c. **Do you perform analysis in-house or use remote reporting solutions?**

In-house.

- d. **What are the main challenges your Trust faces regarding ambulatory ECG Holter recordings?**

None.

- e. **Is there any consideration to establish a Cardiac Diagnostic Centre (CDC) or similar service to manage the volume and backlog of Holter tests?**

No, we already have a CDC offering Holter tests.

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