

FOI REF: 26/038

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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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information for each hospital site within your trust

1. Regarding your Holter monitor devices:

- a. **What is the approximate cost per Holter monitor and associated service or maintenance fees?**

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that sharing commercial information would disadvantage the incumbent supplier against their competitors. The information would provide competitors with the suppliers pricing, which would result in these suppliers obtaining a competitive advantage. This would distort the marketplace and result in the Trust not obtaining best value.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

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

A Section 43 (2) exemption has been applied to this question. Please see the response to question 1a.

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

3500.

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

8 weeks.

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

There is currently no backlog.

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?**

The Trust does not currently use outsourced analysis services.

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

Not applicable.

- c. What is the average duration of each test?**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

3. Clinical service scope and strategic planning:

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

Both.

- b. Has the clinic considered a direct to patient home service?**

Yes.

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

No.

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

None.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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