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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

- 1) **What is the total number of Electrosurgical Units (ESUs) that offer all modalities (monopolar, bipolar & advanced energy) in the hospital?**

80 units in the organisation across all modalities.

- 2) **What electrosurgical units (ESUs) does the hospital have that offer all modalities (monopolar, bipolar & advanced energy), include numbers per ESU model and the ownership status (loaned/owned/etc.)*Example generators: BOWA Arc, ConMed SystemS000, ERBE, Ethicon Dualto, Medtronic Force Triad, Medtronic FT10, Olympus ESG**

Please see the attached document for ESUs owned by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.

- 3) **If ERBE, are they all in Endoscopy? If not, where are they?**

ERBE is only utilised in our endoscopy units.

- 4) **If loaned, is it linked to consumable purchase/contract?**

Not applicable.

- 5) **If purchased, when were they purchased and/or how do they plan to go to market for repurchase, upgrade, replace?**

Units are replaced as part of organisations planned capital replacement program based on service life, age and available support with replacements being conducted via NHSSC framework agreements.

- 6) **What accessories are associated with each generator? (for example, foot switch, dedicated cart/trolley, patient return electrode etc. - state what type/ surgeon preference where possible)**

All units have footswitch and hand controls available for surgeons' preferences and procedural requirements.

7) Does the hospital have dedicated smoke evacuation units?

Yes.

8) How many units do they have and what brand are they?

Total 49 units.

46 x BOWA SHE SHA

2 x Karl Stortz S-Pilot UP501

1 x CONDMED AER DEFENSE

9) What is the smoke evacuation unit's compatibility?

a) Must be used with specific ESU(s)

Karl Stortz S-Pilot UP501 to be used with Karl Stortz Autocon II 400 Count and Autocon II 80 Count.

CONDMED AER DEFENSE to be used with CONMED - System 5000 Count.

b) Can be used stand alone with any ESU(s)

BOWA SHE SHA units are compatible with all ESU units listed in question 2, apart from those listed in question 9a.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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Electrosurgical Units (ESUs)	
Grand Count	80
ARTHREX : AR-9800 SYNERGYRF BIPOLAR ABLATION Count	4
ARTHROCARE CORP : QUANTUM 2 RF12000 Count	1
BOWA : ARC 100 Count	2
BOWA : ARC 250 ELECTROSURGERY DEVICE Count	1
BOWA : ARC 303 Count	28
BOWA : ARC 400 Count	11
CONMED : SYSTEM 5000 Count	1
ERBE : VIO 200D Count	7
ERBE : VIO 300D Count	1
ERBE : VIO dV Count	1
ETHECON : GEN 11 HARMONIC SCAPEL Count	8
INTUATIVE SURGICAL : ICB 3000 DIATHERMY Count	1
KARL STORTZ : AUTOCON II 400 Count	1
KARL STORTZ : AUTOCON II 80 Count	1
MEDTRONIC : AEX GENERATOR Count	2
MEDTRONIC : PULSAR II GENERATOR Count	1
OLYMPUS : 70339000 DIEGO TRIGGER CONSOLE Count	1
OLYMPUS : ESG-200 CELON ELITE Count	1
OLYMPUS : ESG-400 Count	4