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Date: 29th January 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24th January 2025 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding ambulatory ECG monitors

Q1 I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following details regarding the ambulatory ECG monitoring service within your NHS Trust:

How many ambulatory ECG monitors were fitted in 2024?

A1 9522 ECG monitors were fitted in 2024.

Q2 What manufacturer of ambulatory ECG monitor are used within your Trust?

A2 The manufacturer of ambulatory ECG monitor that are used within our Trust is Spacelabs

Q3 What are the current waiting times for patients to have ambulatory ECG monitors fitted?

A3 The current waiting times for patients to have ambulatory ECG monitors fitted is depends on the test duration (24hr-14days) and is between 2 and 17 weeks.

Q4 How many patients are currently on the Trust's waiting list for ambulatory ECG monitors.

A4 As of the 15th January 2025 there were 938 patients on the waiting list for ambulatory ECG monitors.

Q5 How many patients ambulatory ECG recordings are awaiting analysis?

A5 531 patients are awaiting an analysis ambulatory ECG recording.

Q6 What is the current wait time for an ECG recording to be analysed once the patient has returned the monitor?

- A6 The current wait time for an ECG recording to be analysed, once the patient has returned the monitor is currently 5 weeks
- Q7 Does your Trust have an internal waiting target for the wait time for an ECG recording to be analysed once the patient has returned the monitor and, if so, what is it and is the Trust meeting this target?**
- A7 Yes, the Trust does have an internal waiting target for the wait time for an ECG recording to be analysed once the patient has returned the monitor. The internal target is 2 weeks which is not currently being met.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries relating to the response please contact my office

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,

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