

Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-558

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th January 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding operating theatres

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 The number of operating theatres (OTs) in your Trust by type (e.g., day case, general, obstetrics etc.)**

A1 See below:  
8 day cases  
2 maternity theatres  
33 general theatres

**Q2 For each type of OT (e.g., day, general, obstetrics etc.), please provide the number of OTs:**

- a) With no ventilation system
- b) With a 'conventional' ventilation system
- c) With an Ultra Clean Ventilation (UCV) / laminar flow ventilation system
- d) That are 'Integrated' OTs (e.g. connected by a digital control panel)

A2 See below:  
8 no ventilation  
21 conventional  
14 ultra clean

**Q3 The number of OT ventilation system that were refurbished/replaced in the last 5 years. For each, please list the supplier and capital cost of the equipment**

A3 Not applicable

**Q4 For OT ventilation systems, where there is a servicing agreement, please specify:**  
a) Total value and duration of the servicing contract

- b) Provider of the servicing contract
- c) Renewal date
- d) Type of agreement (e.g., framework, warranty, tender etc.)

A4 Not applicable

**Q5 Your Trust's annual capital equipment spend on the following OT equipment, for the last 5 years**

- a) OT ventilation systems
- b) Theatre control panels
- c) Operating lights
- d) Medical pendants
- e) Mobile ventilation systems

A5 Not applicable

**Q6 The annual number of surgeries performed outside of an operating theatre, for the last 5 years**

- a) The number of those where a mobile ventilation system was used for the same period

A6 Information not held

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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.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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