

Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-327

Date: 27th October 2022

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 14th September 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Ambulatory Cardiac Monitoring.

As of 1st 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 Please supply details of:

1. Can you confirm which modalities the hospital has at its disposal for ambulatory cardiac monitoring ie how many Holter Monitors does the hospital own or Zio Patch etc?

A1 See below:

Spacelabs Lifecard x 40
Spacelabs Eclipse Pro x 23
Spacelabs Eclipse Mini x 20

Q2 In the financial year 2020/2021 how many referrals from primary care were received for cardiac rhythm monitoring?

A2 Looking at referral dates between Apr-20 and Mar-21 of those patients who either attended/cancelled/DNA'd appointments for the above clinics there were 558 unique referrals received during 2021 to these clinics.

Q3 Can you provide the costs of each modality i.e. for Holter Monitoring, please provide the number of Holter Monitors, Zio patch etc at the Hospital, the purchase cost of each Holter Device, any costs associated with maintenance of the monitor such as, battery replacement, servicing etc.?

A3 See below:

Spacelabs Lifecard - £1760.99+VAT
Spacelabs Eclipse Pro – £1770.00+VAT
Spacelabs Eclipse Mini - £1200.00+VAT

Q4 In the financial year 2020/2021 how many patients received ambulatory heart monitoring at 24h, 48h, 7days and 14days?

- A4 7282 monitors performed over the above period
- Q5 In the financial year 2020/2021, how many patients were monitored using each modality i.e. ECG, Holters, Zio, Bardy etc?**
- A5 See below:
274 BARDY
1040 R Test
6004 Spacelabs Lifecard
- Q6 In the financial year 2020/2021 what was the total yearly NHS cost per patient undergoing ambulatory heart monitoring?**
- A6 Block Tariff – No individual cost for ambulatory monitoring
- Q7 What is the average time from clinician receiving ECG data to patient prescribing?**
- A7 Information not held/recorded

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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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