



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-373

Date: 11th October 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th October 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding EBME devices.

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 I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details with respect to the Trust below, details of which can be found below:

NHS Trust: University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

1. Approximately how many medical devices/EBME devices does the Trust own?

A1 58,332

Q2 Approximately how many patient beds does the Trust have?

A2 1450 approx

Q3 Does the Trust subcontract the maintenance of medical/EBME devices to an outside provider(s) or does it maintain the devices using internal engineers?

3a. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the name of the company(s)?

3b. If an external provider(s) is used, what was the value of the contract when awarded?

3c. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract type – PPM/ Fully-Comprehensive / Ad-hoc support?

3d. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract renewal date(s)?

A3 The Trust maintains the devices using internal engineers.

Q4 Please provide the name, email address of the role responsible for managing medical devices within the Trust

A4 Simon Cannon: Head of Clinical Technology, note all Trust emails are in the following format.
Firstname.lastname@uhn.nhs.uk

Q5 If medical device maintenance is managed internally, how many clinical engineers are employed by the Trust?

A5 35

Q6 What is the current % of assets 'within service date' – ie, the date by which a device must be serviced has not expired? (This will be a standard KPI)

Definitions

Medical Device

A medical device is any device intended to be used for medical purposes. For the purposes of this query, examples such as Anaesthetic machine, patient monitor, Infusion device, ECG Machine etc.

EBME

Electro-Biomedical Engineering, also referred to as Clinical Engineering, Medical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, MEMS, etc.

PPM

Planned Preventative Maintenance, ie annual service.

Fully Comprehensive

Maintenance contract covering cost of Planned Maintenance and cost of repair parts and labour of equipment

Ad-hoc support

Subcontracted work to engineering company on an informal basis.

KPI

Key Performance Indicator to measure the performance of a contract or department.

A6 89%

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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,



Leah Carlisle
Head of Data, Security & Protection/ Data Protection Officer