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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Radiotherapy machines.

You asked:

- 1. In the last calendar year to date 26/11/2019, for each radiotherapy machine(Linac) of the radiotherapy machines that were commissioned for service for the entire period, how many days was each machine out of service for more than half of the standard working day for repairs or maintenance;*
- 2. And, for each machine of the radiotherapy machines that were commissioned for service for the entire period specified, what proportion did these days(in which the machine in question was out of service for repairs and maintenance for more than half of the standard working day) comprise of the total number of days the machine, had it not been being repaired or maintained, would have been able to treat patients if staffed(excluding days which were not staffed to provide radiotherapy – for instance, some Trusts won't have staffing arrangement on weekends and bank holidays, so those days should be omitted when calculating this ratio).*

Trust response:

Maidstone

LA1- 11 days out for repairs/service greater than 4 hrs

Percentage of time machine was not clinical 4.4%

LA2 - 12 days out for repairs/service greater than 4 hrs

Percentage of time machine was not clinical 4.8%

LA3 - 5 days out for repairs/service greater than 4 hrs

Percentage of time machine was not clinical 2%

LA4 - 7 days out for repairs/service greater than 4 hrs

Percentage of time machine was not clinical 2.8%

LA5 - Not in full use for the calendar year due to Installation/commissioning

LA6 - Not in full use for the calendar year due to Installation/commissioning

Canterbury

LA1 - 11 days out for repairs/service greater than 4 hrs

Percentage of time machine was not clinical 4.4 %

LA2 - 17 days out for repairs/service greater than 4 hrs

Percentage of time machine was not clinical 6.7 %

LA3 - 7 days out for repairs/service greater than 4 hrs

Percentage of time machine was not clinical 2.8%