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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 Ambulatory Cardiac Monitoring.

You asked:

- 1. Can you confirm which modalities the hospital has at its disposal for ambulatory cardiac monitoring i.e. how many Holter Monitors does the hospital own or Zio Patch etc?*
- 2. In the financial year 2020/2021 how many referrals from primary care were received for cardiac rhythm monitoring?*
- 3. 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.?*
- 4. In the financial year 2020/2021 how many patients received ambulatory heart monitoring at 24h, 48h, 7days and 14days?*
- 5. In the financial year 2020/2021, how many patients were monitored using each modality i.e. ECG, Holters, Zio, Bardy etc?*
- 6. In the financial year 2020/2021 what was the total yearly NHS cost per patient undergoing ambulatory heart monitoring?*
- 7. What is the average time from clinician receiving ECG data to patient prescribing?*

Trust response:

1. We have 68 in total. Half event recorders and half are holters. Holters are spacelabs lifecards. Events are Novacor RTests.
2. 822 holters
189 events
3. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the company's ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/

4. We do approximately 4000 24h holters per year. Only a small number are 48hr. Approximately 1120 events (7 days)

5. As above.

6. We are unable to provide this information as this would include all the factors required in the patients care and may vary depending on the level of care needed.

7. It currently takes up to 2 weeks for analysis. The report then goes to the requestor. This could be the GP/ other specialist or cardiologist.