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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 medical devices.

You asked:

- 1. Approximately how many medical devices/EBME devices does the trust own?*
- 2. Approximately how many patient beds does the Trust have?*
- 3. 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)?*
- 4. Please provide the name, email address of the role responsible for managing medical devices within the trust*
- 5. If medical device maintenance is managed internally, how many clinical engineers are employed by the Trust?*
- 6. What is the current % of assets 'within service date' – i.e., the date by which a device must be serviced has not expired? (This will be a standard KPI)*

Trust response:

1. Approx. 27,000
2. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bed-availability-and-occupancy/critical-care-and-general-acute-beds-urgent-and-emergency-care-daily-situation-reports/critical-care-and-general-acute-beds-urgent-and-emergency-care-daily-situation-reports-2022-23/>

3. Where practicable devices are maintained in-house or individual contracts managed by the in-house team/s

3a. Various, approx. 1,300 devices on external contracts

3b. No single vendor, total value approx. £1.2M excluding ionizing radiation devices

3c. Asset dependent PPM/ Fully-Comprehensive / Ad-hoc support

3d. Various, mixture of annual to 3-year agreements

4. This role falls under the remit of Stephen Duck, Director of Medical Physics.

PA to Director of Medical Physics and Medical Physics Department

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5. Thirteen engineers, plus support staff

6. All high-risk devices 99% serviced within date, medium/low risk devices approx. 40%. All devices reported for repair receive a full re-validation before return to service.