

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/223
Medical Devices

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

Approximately 70,000.

2. Approximately how many patient beds does the Trust have?

The below is based on the number of beds as at a point in time. Depending on demand, the number of beds is flexed to meet these pressures, therefore the number of beds can vary.

- University Hospital of Wales – 1,119
- University Hospital Llandough (including Hafan y Coed) – 669
- Barry Hospital – 37
- St David's Hospital – 91
- Community Mental Health Sites – 31

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?

Both.

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

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within Regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the section 12 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within Regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the Fees Regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The Fees Regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

The UHB can confirm, however, that various original equipment manufacturers and third parties are used.

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

The UHB believes the section 12 exemption to apply and is therefore refusing your request.

However, in accordance with section 16 of the Act, the UHB can confirm that it has a mix of internal and external contracts in place, which differ in terms of contract type and level of cover depending on the critical nature of the kit and risk associated of lowering the cover level that is determined by the clinical teams and Procurement at the time of scoping out the renewals.

We have a complete mix of the following:

- Kit maintained internally by Clinical Engineering.
- Kit maintained by the original equipment manufacturer at varying levels of cover and contract terms.
- Kit maintained via third parties within a fully managed service contact.
- Kit maintained via point of sale maintenance agreements when capital kit is purchased.

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

Various types depending on need.

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

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4. Please provide the name, email address of the role responsible for managing medical devices within the trust

There is no one person responsible for managing medical devices within the health board, but the majority are managed by the Clinical Engineering Department.

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

Approximately 40.

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)

75 per cent.