

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/019
Decontamination Services

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to request the answers to the below questions, in relation to your decontamination services at the hospital trusts.

1) What is the age of the AER machines currently installed?

- a) Suite 18 – three years old.
- b) Main Endo, University Hospital of Wales (UHW) – three years old.
- c) Theatre Scope Room – five years old.
- d) Children's Hospital for Wales (CHFW) – five years old.
- e) Endo, University Hospital Llandough (UHL) – eight years old, however these are due for replacement this financial year.
- f) ENT – four years old.

2) What is the approximate year the AER machines will be replaced?

We put an approximate life span of an AER of 7 years:

- a) Suite 18 – 2028
- b) Main Endo, UHW – 2028
- c) Theatre Scope Room – 2025
- d) CHFW – 2026
- e) Endo, UHL – three new installed this year for extension, other five to be replaced this financial year.
- f) ENT – 2027

3) What is the manufacturer/brand of the current AER machines?

- a) Suite 18 – Wassenburg Medical.
- b) Main Endo, UHW – Wassenburg Medical.
- c) Theatre Scope Room – Cantel Rapid AER.
- d) CHFW – Wassenburg Medical.
- e) Endo, UHL – Cantel Rapid AER.
- f) ENT – Germitec and Partners for Endoscopy.

4) How many AER machines do you have across the sites?

- a) Suite 18 – two AERs.
- b) Main Endo, UHW – four AERs.
- c) Theatre Scope Room – three AERs.
- d) CHFW – four AERs.
- e) Endo, UHL – eight AERs.
- f) ENT – two UV disinfectors.

5) Are you happy with your current supplier or are you experiencing problems?

The UHB does not hold this information. Please be aware that the Freedom of Information Act 2000 only applies to information that a public authority holds in recorded form at the time of request.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) states that if a public authority does not hold a particular piece of information that a requestor has asked for, it does not have to create it. For more information, please see [ICO: Determining Whether a Public Authority Holds Information](#).

6) How many scopes are you processing per week?

- a) Suite 18 – 84 per week.
- b) Main Endo, UHW – 130 per week.
- c) Theatre Scope Room – 262 per week.
- d) CHFV – 20 per week.
- e) Endo, UHL – 275 per week.
- f) ENT – 250 per week.

7) What is the name and contact details of your decontamination manager?

After considering your request, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) believes that the data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018. Its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing with regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of the GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

8) As part of your contingency planning during a decant, replacement or refurbishment, would you or have you considered using a mobile decontamination unit?

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