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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

#### **Requested information:**

1. Approximately how many medical devices/EBME devices does the Trust own? **500**
2. Approximately how many patient beds does the Trust have? **162 beds**
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? **Yes**
  - a. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the name of the company(s)?  
**University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM), Clinical Tech Department.**
  - b. If an external provider(s) is used, what was the value of the contract when awarded? **£58,880 for 2023-24. Rolling SLA's review bi-Annually for costs only.**
  - c. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract type – PPM/ Fully-Comprehensive / Ad-hoc support? **PPM**
  - d. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract renewal date(s)?  
**Rolling SLA's review bi-Annually for costs only – each financial year end 31<sup>st</sup> March.**
4. Please provide the name, email address of the role responsible for managing medical devices within the Trust. **Health and Safety Advisor.**  
**Corporate email addresses are exempt as they constitute personal data and would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 (in accordance with qualified exemption S40 (2)(a) of the FOI Act). Details of members of staff and e-mail addresses can be sought from Departments directly and can be contacted via our Main Switchboard at the Harlands Hospital on 0300 123 1535.**

5. If medical device maintenance is managed internally, how many clinical engineers are employed by the Trust? **N/A**
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) **Estimated 95% are in date.**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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