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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6262

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 09th April 2024.

Your request was as follows:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details with respect to the Trust below, details of which can be found below:

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

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\) have approximately 2856 medical devices.](#)

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

[147 Acute Beds, 30 CRU 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?

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)?

[The WCFT currently outsource the EBME service to Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. This is currently under review.](#)

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

[N/A, service outsourced to Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.](#)



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)

Contract Expired - 4.29%

Expiring within 60 days - 8.57%

In Contract - 87.14%

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6262 in any future communications.

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Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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