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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6096

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 05th January 2024.

Your request was as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information on your Trust's usage of ambulatory electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG) Holter monitors and associated software for analysis reporting.

Specifically, could you please provide answers to the following questions:

1. Does the Trust use ambulatory electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG) Holter monitors? (Yes or No)

1(i) If "Yes" then which make and models are currently in use and how many of each are currently deployed?

1(ii) If "No" then does the Trust intend to implement ambulatory electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG) Holter monitoring in the near future? (Yes or No)

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold this information. However, Section 16 of the FOIA places a duty on us to provide help and assistance where possible and I am able to advise you that: This information can be obtained from the EBME team at Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

2. Does the Trust use software to read EDF reports? If ""Yes"" then which vendor(s) are used?

Same as above.

3. Does the Trust use an external ECG Interpretation Provider. If ""Yes"" then which vendor(s) are used?

Same as above.



4. How many ambulatory electrocardiogram ECG readings does the Trust perform each year?

Same as above.

5. What is the split of the ambulatory ECG reading volumes in question 5, by length of recording? (e.g. 24hr, 48h, 72h, 7-day, 14-day)

Same as above.

6. In what environment are the ambulatory ECG holters fitted? (e.g. secondary care, community diagnostic centre [CDC], primary care)

Same as above.

7. What is your preferred buying method for these devices? (e.g. Direct, Supply Chain, Other)

Same as above.

8. How much did the Trust pay for its currently deployed ECG Holter devices and software (per device), and what costs are associated with maintenance, such as battery replacement, servicing etc?

Same as above.

9. Does the Trust have service contracts for the currently deployed ambulatory ECG devices. If so, how much is this per annum for the different brand of devices by vendor(s)?

Same as above.

10. How many ambulatory ECG monitors did the Trust purchase in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 per make and model of Holter monitor?

Same as above.

11. What is the Trust's wait time for ambulatory ECG Holter Fittings and ECG reporting?

Same as above.

12. Is the Trust meeting their targets for ambulatory ECG recording volumes and patient waiting times? (Yes or No)

Same as above.

13. What are the Trusts biggest challenges for cardiology ECG ambulatory recordings?

Same as above.

14. Is the Trust considering purchasing any new ambulatory ECG Holter monitors? For replacement of old devices, broken devices, or needing more equipment?

Same as above.

15. Who is the Trust's senior electrophysiologist or cardiology manager and what are their contact details?
(Name, position, email, telephone)

Same as above.

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

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Yours sincerely

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