

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Tuesday 5th January 2024 I am pleased to confirm the following.

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

YES

(i) If "Yes" then which make, and models are currently in use and how many of each are currently deployed?SPACELABS
Eclipse pro (7 units)
Lifecard Cf (18 units)**2.Does the Trust use software to read EDF reports? If ""Yes"" then which vendor(s) are used?**

Sentinel - Spacelabs

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

No

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

2020/2021 OP data: 1551

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)**2020/2021 OP data:**24H Tape – 1048
48H – 401
72H – 80
7 day – 131

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

Secondary Care

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

Direct

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?

1450£ + VAT for Life screen pro (no battery cost); no servicing costs yet
1200£ + VAT for Lifecard CF

No information about previous software costs.

Recent software upgrade to latest Sentinel version + Windows 10 upgrade + HL7 connection
= £28,500.00

Draeger manages the maintenance contracts on behalf of the Trust. Its commercially sensitive information is to be shared on FOI requests as this information may be pivotal in a tender process.

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)?

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

SPACELABS

Eclipse pro (7 units) bought on 2022

Lifecard Cf (18 units) – 4 bought in 2021, remaining <2020.

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

Fitting 5 weeks

Reporting 4 Weeks

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

No

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

Capacity for analysis / establishment levels

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

No

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

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Yours sincerely,

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