

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-894**

18 December 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

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

Between 1-8 years old

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

2025

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

Steris/Cantel, Getinge and MMM

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

16

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

On the whole happy, where there have been challenges, these have been addressed.

**6) How many scopes are you processing per week?**

1200

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

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

No

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. 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:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

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Yours sincerely

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