

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-017**

12 February 2024

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

Yes

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

Spacelabs lifecard monitors – 54 monitors deployed

Irhythm Zio patch monitors – have funding for 200 monitors

**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)**

Not applicable

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

No, not applicable

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

Yes – iRhythm analyse zio patch

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

4056

**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)**

2028 24hrs  
1872 48/72hrs

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

Tertiary care

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

NHS Supply Chain

**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?**

- Lifecard monitor £1546.24 per device
- Service contact for six analysis systems £25,686.14

**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)?**

- Service contact for 6 analysis systems £25,686.14

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

2020 – 3 lifecard replacements, 650 single use patch monitors

2021 – 9 lifecard replacements

2022 – 6 lifecard replacements

2023 – 17 lifecard replacements, 200 zio patch monitors

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

37 weeks for tape fitting

6 weeks for reporting

**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?**

Keeping up with an increase in referrals on an already maximised clinic list.

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

Yes, need more equipment to meet increased demand

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

Lead Cardiac Physiologist

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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.

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University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
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Yours sincerely

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