

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 20-217

4 November 2020

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.

I am researching a benchmark for the amount of medical equipment required by each hospital ward. As such I have designed the attached survey to show me how much of each type of medical equipment is in use in a particular ward type. It is my hope to be able to use this to inform the ideal equipment ratio per bed for each type of ward and then compare this with my own hospital to determine whether or not we are over or under equipped.

I am not interested in being able to identify any medical equipment and require only numbers of particular equipment types. It is likely that terminology may differ so please interpret these as broad headings that encapsulate most of the equipment within the particular ward type.

I do not require information from other areas of your hospital, just in the ward types that I have listed. I have made a spreadsheet for you to complete with the information to return if that makes the reporting easier.

What I would like is a total inventory count of the amount of each Equipment Type you have for all of your wards in the following categories:

- **General Medical Ward**
- **General Surgical Ward**
- **Paediatric Ward**

Please do not include any other areas such as Critical Care, Theatres, SCBU. Please record the number of total number of beds in each Ward Category.

The Equipment Types I have chosen are as follows:

- **Point of care monitor – Stand-alone Point of Care Monitoring used for spot checking such as GE Dinamap (minimum specification Pulse Oximetry, NIBP)**
- **Temperature type devices – Stand-alone thermometer use at the point of care such as Genuis 3,**

- **Physiological monitor – Stand-alone ward monitoring which includes ECG, Respiration, Pulse Oximetry, NIBP, [IBP]) including any telemetric monitoring reporting to a local central station.**
 - **Infusion Pump– Stand-alone volumetric infusion pump of any kind that plugs into a mains power supply such as Carefusion GP**
 - **Syringe Pump– Stand-alone syringe pump of any kind that plugs into the mains power supply such as Carefusion CC**
 - **Falls Alarm type device – any stand-alone falls alarm which does not form part of another piece of equipment such as a bed.**
 - **Patient Scales – any stand-alone device that is capable of weighing a patient at Class III or better, that is not part of another piece of equipment such as a bed or a hoist**
 - **Patient Hoist – any hoist capable of lifting a patient from a bed. Please do not include standing or bath hoists.**
 - **Defibrillator – any device capable of defibrillating a patient, including AEDs.**
- Please see the attached spreadsheet.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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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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