

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-256

31 July 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.

1. How many patients were treated with ECMO in 2019 (please indicate number of VV and number of VA)?

The Trust had 10 patients needing ECMO in 2019 however 2 of them required 2 runs so we had 12 runs in total. All of our runs were VA.

2. What was the average length of ECMO therapy in 2019 (please indicate number of days for VV and VA)?

The average run time was 5 days.

3. How many ECMO machines are available for use on the ICU/critical care areas of the hospital PICU?

The Trust has 3 carts available with 2 consoles per cart.

4. Who is/are your supplier(s) of ECMO machines and consumables?

The Trust purchases the levitronix pumps and tubing sets through Chalice and the Oxygenators from Maquet.

5. How old are the ECMO machines?

Two of our carts are 8 years old and one is 1 year old.

6. Are the machines covered by a maintenance agreement with the manufacturer?

Yes the machines are covered by a maintenance agreement with the manufacturer.

7. What was the total spend on all associated consumables for ECMO in 2019?

The approximate spend is £72000 but this does not include the bridge and connectors that are necessary for each run nor any replacement pigtailed that become necessary during the

course of treatment.

8. What is the earliest date a change of provider may be considered?

The current maintenance contract is valid until 31/03/2021.

9. Which department is responsible for the ECMO budget (machines and consumables)?

The consumables and contract is from the Perfusion budget.

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
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Yours sincerely

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