

Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information on your Trust's usage of ambulatory electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG) Holter monitors and associated software for analysis reporting.

Specifically, could you please provide answers to the following questions:

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

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

**ECG – GE MACVU360. Nine
Ambulatory ECG – Spacelabs Lifecards. Forty monitors.**

2. Does the Trust use software to read EDF reports? If ""Yes"" then which vendor(s) are used? **Sorry - no idea what EDF reports are**

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? **7100**

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)

**68% are 24hr ECG
30% are 48/73
2% are > 5day**

6. In what environment are the ambulatory ECG holters fitted? **Secondary care**

7. What is your preferred buying method for these devices? (e.g. Direct, Supply Chain, Other) **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? **Approx £2000 per device. Approx 10% of purchase cost spent on servicing etc**

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)? **No service contracts for the individual monitors.**

10. How many ambulatory ECG monitors did the Trust purchase in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 per make and model of Holter monitor? **2 per year.**
11. What is the Trust's wait time for ambulatory ECG Holter Fittings and ECG reporting? **4 weeks for fitting. 1 week for reporting**
12. Is the Trust meeting their targets for ambulatory ECG recording volumes and patient waiting times? (Yes or No) **Yes**
13. What are the Trusts biggest challenges for cardiology ECG ambulatory recordings? **None**
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) **Howard Briggs, Principal Clinical Physiologist, 01302 642456**