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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 208-2022

Thank you for your email dated the 22/06/2022, requesting information in relation to equipment life cycles.

The information you require is as follows:

I would like to know (segmented by hospital):

The process which the hospital follows for end-of-life equipment **The Trust actively reviews equipment for end of shelf life which is stored in our H-IMS database managed by a 3rd party, data is extracted to an excel spreadsheet which is managed by our Medical Devices & Commodities Manager, recommendations are presented to the governing committee monthly. Requirements are presented to this committee in the form of a business case from the department Device owner) when revenue or capital support is considered.**

The process by which the hospital decides that an equipment has reached its end of life. We have a 5 year equipment replacement plan and end-of-shelf life is determined with guidance from manufacturers based on their expected lifespan of the device or sooner if the device is no longer supported i.e. spares are no longer guaranteed.

Which companies the hospital works with in order to dispose of / sell off / repurpose... medical equipment

If the device is safe to use then we will consider selling using our PPM & Emergency Repair Contractor who engage in ethical re-sale with a pre-sale inspection. Anything condemned beyond economical repair or no longer fit for purpose is disposed of, following guidelines, through local contractors by our Estates Team.

The past data which the hospital has on where equipment has gone

The Trust has had minimal disposal of equipment over the last 5 years, that which we have disposed of either goes to ethical resale through our contractor or to an auction house where there sale records are called upon for audit purposes.

Further information has been exempt under section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act, as could prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

The data on which medical equipment that the hospital has which is about to reach its end of life

All data is extracted from our minor electrical medical equipment database and uploaded to a excel spreadsheet which contains all the relevant data for review.

Further information has been exempt under section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act, as could prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

The data on which medical equipment the hospital currently has, when it was sourced and where it was sourced from, at what price

As with 5 above data is held on a H-IMS database and is referenced regularly to maintain our equipment managed under the direction of our Medical Devices & Commodities Manager, pricing records are the replacement cost rather than purchase price.

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Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and 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: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/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.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>

Kind Regards,

The Information Governance Team
Contact Email: ccf-tr.foi@nhs.net