

Date: 11 October 2019

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 258 – 2019**

Thank you for your email dated the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 requesting information relating to Linacs at the Trust.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. How many days in the last 2 years to date of request (or for which data is available) has each Linac at your Trust been fully operational.

Unfortunately, our Trust does not collect this data in days. However, we are able to provide a percentage downtime figure for each of our Linacs.

Please note - The Trust carries out planned preventative maintenance outside of clinical hours and therefore expects 260 clinical days per year per machine. During 2019 V10-4 was taken out of service in April and replaced with VT5 therefore the V10-4 percentages are for Jan – March and VT5 from April onwards. Similarly in 2017 VT4 replaced V10-6 in April.

Linac	% downtime 2017	% downtime 2018	% downtime 2019 (to end September)
V10-4	2.47	1.85	0.70
V10-6	1.94	NA	NA
VT1	6.14	2.91	1.57

VT2	1.23	0.81	1.54
VT3	2.93	1.65	1.88
VT4	3.17	0.57	1.07
VT5	NA	NA	0.78
VL1	1.72	3.16	0.95
VL2	3.61	4.07	0.74
VL3	6.23	2.29	2.69
Edge 1	1.66	2.42	0.54
Edge 2	1.07	2.07	4.77

**2. The amount spent by the Trust on Linac repairs and maintenance in the same period.**

**The Trust has a maintenance contract and a parts contract with the Linac manufacturer**

**The Cost for maintenance and repairs each financial year is £1,670,171.00 plus VAT.**

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.