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Cardiac Monitoring – Holter Monitor Devices

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information for each hospital site within your trust

1. Regarding your Holter monitor devices:

Paediatric Cardiology Service:

- **What is the approximate cost per Holter monitor and associated service or maintenance fees?**

£2,500

- **How much do you pay for analysis software per license?**

No license fee

- **Approximately how many tests do you perform per year using these monitors?**

1106 (calendar year)

- **What is the current waiting time (in weeks) for Holter monitor fitting?**

17 weeks

- **Do you currently experience a backlog in analysis? If so, how many tests are pending?**

22 awaiting analysis

Adult Cardiology Service:

- **What is the approximate cost per Holter monitor and associated service or maintenance fees?**

£2,500

- **How much do you pay for analysis software per license?**

£0 – no licence fee

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- **Approximately how many tests do you perform per year using these monitors?**

5,000 per year

- **What is the current waiting time (in weeks) for Holter monitor fitting?**

51 weeks

- **Do you currently experience a backlog in analysis? If so, how many tests are pending?**

No backlog – 20 awaiting analysis

2. Regarding outsourced Holter monitoring services:

Paediatric Cardiology Service:

The questions below are not applicable to Paediatric Cardiology as Holter monitoring is not outsourced.

- **Do you use outsourced analysis services, either with single-use disposable Holter monitors (e.g., iRhythm Zio) or reusable devices (e.g., ECG on Demand, Express Diagnostics)? Which company(ies) and products do you use?**
- **What is the cost per Holter monitor or test under these outsourced services?**
- **What is the average duration of each test?**
- **How many tests do you carry out annually through outsourced providers?**
- **Are these services under a formal contract? If yes, when is the contract due to expire?**

Adult Cardiology Service:

- **Do you use outsourced analysis services, either with single-use disposable Holter monitors (e.g., iRhythm Zio) or reusable devices (e.g., ECG on Demand, Express Diagnostics)? Which company(ies) and products do you use?**

No

The remaining questions in this section are not applicable to Adult Cardiology as Holter monitoring is not outsourced.

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- **What is the cost per Holter monitor or test under these outsourced services?**
- **What is the average duration of each test?**
- **How many tests do you carry out annually through outsourced providers?**
- **Are these services under a formal contract? If yes, when is the contract due to expire?**

3. Clinical service scope and strategic planning:

Paediatric Cardiology Service:

- **Is the information above specific to cardiology services, stroke services, or both?**

Paediatric Cardiology services

- **Has the clinic considered a direct to patient home service?**

Yes, the service is currently exploring using alternative devices/services.

- **Is your Trust considering purchasing new ambulatory ECG Holter monitors, either to replace older or damaged devices or to increase capacity?**

Yes, the service is exploring purchasing alternative devices, which send information via patient's mobile phone

- **What are the main challenges your Trust faces regarding ambulatory ECG Holter recordings?**

Receiving the Holter monitors back on time from families.

Adult Cardiology Service:

- **Is the information above specific to cardiology services, stroke services, or both?**

Adult Cardiology services

- **Has the clinic considered a direct to patient home service?**

No.

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- **Is your Trust considering purchasing new ambulatory ECG Holter monitors, either to replace older or damaged devices or to increase capacity?**

No

- **What are the main challenges your Trust faces regarding ambulatory ECG Holter recordings?**

Retention of experienced staff;
Increased GP referrals

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