

**4 April 2024**

## **Renal Services**

- 1) How many patients are on dialysis at the hospital and are these seen two or three times per week?**

Currently 140 patients are on dialysis, the majority of patients attend three times per week in the Chronic Outpatient HD unit.

- 2) What is your current capacity level and what is your maximum capacity level of renal dialysis**

Maximum capacity is 160 patients for daytime sessions in a chronic setting

- 3) What is your current number of dialysis machines and what brand are they? Also, who is the RO plant manufacturer?**

70 dialysis machines, Fresenius 6008 for use between chronic and acute service.

RO plant is Baxter CWP 106H DP in Dialysis Unit and CWP 103H in Level 11.

- 4) What is the average cost per patient for renal dialysis within a hospital environment?**

Cost per treatment of a HD patient in 2023/2024 is £440.

- 5) How old is your RO system and dialysis machines, and are they due for replacement, decant or upgrade any time soon?**

Dialysis Machines were installed new April 2022.

RO system in the Dialysis Unit – April 16 and in Level 11 December 2022

- 6) What is your contingency plan for when you run out of internal dialysis capacity or your machines/RO go down?**

The service has a small amount of flexibility as machines are shared across acute and chronic services. In Belfast Trust we can also dialyse in other locations (Royal Victoria Hospital and Knockbreda Self-care Unit).

Contingency for RO going down – business continuity plans would be enacted, this may involve patients having to be dialysed in other units.

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- 7) Where does the primary source of funding for the renal department stem from? Is it directly from the health board or elsewhere?**

Directly from the Department of Health/SPPG

- 8) Have you ever considered using a mobile renal dialysis unit to support your services through disaster recovery, decant, replacement or refurbishment?**

This is not something we have considered.