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[INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2022/289](#)

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details with respect to the Trust below, details of which can be found below:

1. Approximately how many medical devices/EBME devices does the trust own?
 - Our asset database list 19,842 items
2. Approximately how many patient beds does the Trust have?
 - 352 adult general and acute beds
3. Does the trust subcontract the maintenance of medical/EBME devices to an outside provider(s) or does it maintain the devices using internal engineers?
 - The Trust has its own EBME team, this team outsources to OEMs to look after a small number of specialist items (Anaesthetic Machines, Ventilators and Endoscopes being the largest contracts). We have no third party companies that run EBME activities at Trusts.
- 3a. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the name of the company(s)?
- 3b. If an external provider(s) is used, what was the value of the contract when awarded?
- 3c. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract type – PPM/ Fully-Comprehensive / Ad-hoc support?
- 3d. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract renewal date(s)?
4. Please provide the name, email address of the role responsible for managing medical devices within the trust
 - The team that deals with this is part of the Estates team - Estates@wvt.nhs.uk
01432 383580
5. If medical device maintenance is managed internally, how many clinical engineers are employed by the Trust?
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6. What is the current % of assets 'within service date' – ie, the date by which a device must be serviced has not expired? (This will be a standard KPI)
 - 70%

Definitions

Medical Device

A medical device is any device intended to be used for medical purposes. For the purposes of this query, examples such as Anaesthetic machine, patient monitor, Infusion device, ECG Machine etc.

EBME

Electro-Biomedical Engineering, also referred to as Clinical Engineering, Medical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, MEMS, etc.

PPM

Planned Preventative Maintenance, ie annual service.

Fully Comprehensive

Maintenance contract covering cost of Planned Maintenance and cost of repair parts and labour of equipment

Ad-hoc support

Subcontracted work to engineering company on an informal basis.

KPI

Key Performance Indicator to measure the performance of a contract or department.

*For clarity, contact details are kept in the strictest confidence. These details are used only to contact with information of legitimate interest for the relevant contracts.

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<https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/about-us/information-requests/freedom-of-information-requests.aspx>

If you have queries or any concerns my contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request and wish to ask for a review of this, please contact me and I will arrange this to be done.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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