

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.188
Released – 20 October 2022**

Thank you for your email received 6 October 2022 requesting information regarding medical devices.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

1. Approximately how many medical devices/EBME devices does the trust own?

13,646

2. Approximately how many patient beds does the Trust have?

185

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?

External Provider

3a. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the name of the company(s)?

MTS Health Ltd

3b. If an external provider(s) is used, what was the value of the contract when awarded?

£825,813

3c. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract type – PPM/ Fully-Comprehensive / Ad-hoc support?

PPM plus

3d. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract renewal date(s)?

31 March 2024

Chair John Goulston Chief Executive Mairead McCormick

Trust HQ The Oast, Unit D, Hermitage Court, Hermitage Lane, Barming, near Maidstone, Kent ME16 9NT

4. Please provide the name, email address of the role responsible for managing medical devices within the trust

It is Trust policy to not release names and contact details of staff below Executive Director Level as this constitutes personal information which is exempt under Section 40(2) in conjunction with Section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to 'Personal Information'.

An excerpt of the relevant Freedom of Information legislation can be found below:

Section 40 – Personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

(a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and

(b) either the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.

(3a) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act

(a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or

(b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

We can advise that the Director with overall responsibility for medical devices is Mercia Spare – Chief Nurse, mercia.spare@nhs.net

5. If medical device maintenance is managed internally, how many clinical engineers are employed by the Trust?

Not applicable

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)

79%