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REQUEST & RESPONSE

If you cover more than one hospital, please provide the following information for each of the hospitals covered under your trust broken down individually

The questions are in relation to ECG monitoring which is carried out only in the hospital setting.

Please supply details of:

1. How many tests in the following categories do you perform each year?
 - 24hr Holter
 - 48hr Holter
 - 72hr Holter
 - 7 day Holter
 - 7 day event recorder
 - Other please specify

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2. Which monitoring modality do you use for the following, specify make and model?
 - 24hr Holter
 - 48hr Holter
 - 72hr Holter
 - 7 day Holter
 - 7 day event recorder
 - Other please specify

Lifecard and Event Recorders.

3. How many monitors do you have of each make/model? 42 Lifecard and 8 event recorders.

4. How much is the service contract for each modality per year? Lifecard £516 and event recorder £123.

5. How many of these are in repair/lost? None at present.

6. What is the cost of repair if the device is not under a service contract? Unable to answer this question as they are under a service contract. See response 4.

7. What was the price paid per unit for each of the monitoring modalities above? Lifecard £2,100. Event recorder £1,500 to £1,800.

8. How much was the analysis software package (if purchased)? At the time of purchase the software package was in the order of £18,000 to £20,000.

9. What is the cost of the service contract on the analysis software? £6,000 for 2 x analysers.

10. What is your annual spend on consumables for monitoring? £148,000
 - Batteries
 - Electrodes
 - Alcohol wipes
 - Razors
 - Cleaning materials for monitors
 - Replacement leads

11. What is the average salary band of staff analysing ambulatory ECG monitor data? Band 6 salary.

12. How many of the staff employed to analyse ambulatory ECG data are working through a locum agency? None

13. What is the current waiting time from referral to monitor fitting? Please specify if waiting times vary for each modality. 4 weeks

14. What is the current waiting time from monitor return to result availability? Please specify if waiting times vary for each modality. Monitors are analysed on the day of return.

15. How many ambulatory monitoring patients require hospital transport per year? We don't have access to this information. This element of the patient journey is not delivered by the Cardiorespiratory department.

- Is transport also used to return the monitor?
- What is the average cost per return?

16. Does the patient also need to be transported back to hospital for removal? No.

17. What is the annual cost of transport services for ambulatory monitoring patients? Not dealt with through the department.

18. Is outpatient monitoring capacity limited by inpatient demand for monitoring? No.

19. Are you meeting monitoring demand for?

- Routine monitoring referrals Yes
- Urgent monitoring referrals Yes

20. If not, what was your annual spend on breaching fines in the last financial year? N/A

