

Title: RDF1173-23 - Operating Theatres

---

Reference Number: RDF1173-23

Date of Response: 20/01/23

Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

*To whom it may concern,*

*Please can you provide response to the following Freedom of Information request for Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust:*

- 1. The number of operating theatres (OTs) in your Trust by type (e.g., day case, general, obstetrics etc.)*

Answer: 2 x Day case, 1 x Gynaecology, 1 x Obstetrics, 1 x Eye, 2 x Orthopaedic/Trauma and 2 x General.

Please note that the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (NDHT) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (RD&E) merged on 1 April 2022 to become the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (RDUH). As requested, all responses have been provided for the RDUH Northern Services only, previously NDHT.

- 2. For each type of OT (e.g., day, general, obstetrics etc.), please provide the number of OTs:*

- a) With no ventilation system: Nil.*
- b) With a 'conventional' ventilation system: 6.*
- c) With an Ultra Clean Ventilation (UCV) / laminar flow ventilation system: 3.*
- d) That are 'Integrated' OTs (e.g. connected by a digital control panel)*

Answer: All theatres have EPIC and 4 theatres can remotely control their operating lights.

- 3. The number of OT ventilation system that were refurbished/replaced in the last 5 years. For each, please list the supplier and capital cost of the equipment*

Answer: 1 Theatre, cost Circa £120,000. Releasing the supplier detail information is commercially sensitive and its release would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

In applying the exemption under Section 43(2) the Freedom of Information Act the Trust has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. The Trust has considered all the relevant factors in the public interest test and concluded that the benefit to the public in applying the exemption outweighs the public interest in releasing the information requested as a result of the prejudices and losses that would potentially affect the Trust and patients. As such this information is being withheld under Section 43 (2).

4. *For OT ventilation systems, where there is a servicing agreement, please specify:*
- a) *Total value and duration of the servicing contract*
  - b) *Provider of the servicing contract*
  - c) *Renewal date*
  - d) *Type of agreement (e.g., framework, warranty, tender etc.)*

Answer: All ventilation is maintained in house.

5. *Your Trust's annual capital equipment spend on the following OT equipment, for the last 5 years*
- a) *OT ventilation systems:* Circa £120,000. One off payment not each year for 5 years.
  - b) *Theatre control panels:* Circa £3,000. One off payment not each year for 5 years.
  - c) *Operating lights:* Circa £180,000. Total for the past 5 years.
  - d) *Medical pendants:* Circa £12,000. Total for the past 5 years.
  - e) *Mobile ventilation systems:* Not applicable.
6. *The annual number of surgeries performed outside of an operating theatre, for the last 5 years*
- a) *The number of those where a mobile ventilation system was used for the same period*

Answer: Nil.