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Endoscopy Decontamination Services

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

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to request the answers to the below questions, in relation to your decontamination services at your Trust hospital's.

1) *What is the age of the AER machines currently installed?*

Eastern service:

- Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Wonford) AER's are 8 years old
- Tiverton and District Hospital AER is 12 Years Old.

Northern Service: North Devon. 3 years. Installed and commissioned in 2020.

2) *What is the approximate year the AER machines will be replaced?*

Eastern service:

- Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Wonford) to be replaced in the next 2-3 years.
- Tiverton and District Hospital replacement underway.

Northern Service: 2030.

3) *What is the manufacturer/brand of the current AER machines?*

Eastern service:

- Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Wonford) – Cantel RapidAER
- Tiverton and District Hospital –Cantel Isis replacing with Steelco EW1 SMaxi

Northern Service: WD440PT Wassenburg

4) *How many AER machines do you have across the sites?*

Eastern service:

- Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Wonford) 6 AER's
- Tiverton and District Hospital -1 Current AER replacing with 2 AER's

Northern Service: 3 machines. 6 bowls in total.

5) *Are you happy with your current supplier or are you experiencing problems?*
Trust response: Yes, no problems.

6) *How many scopes are you processing per week?*

Eastern service:

- Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Wonford) approximately 450 scopes per week
- Tiverton and District Hospital approximately 60 scopes per week

Northern Service: 400.

7) *What is the name and contact details of your decontamination manager?*

Answer: The Trust can confirm that it holds information that you have requested. This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because it is reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.royaldevon.nhs.uk/media/wb1pcpgx/foi-rdf1668-23-decontamination-endoscopy-agency-usage.pdf>

8) *As part of your contingency planning during a decant, replacement or refurbishment, would you or have you considered using a mobile decontamination unit?*

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