

Title: **Post Processing Software for CMR**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

*I am conducting a survey and reaching out to all hospitals in the UK, writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding your hospital's post processing software for CMR. Specifically, I would like to request information on the cost, expiry, type and quantity of licenses your hospital has purchased.*

*I understand that as a public authority, you are required by law to provide this information under the Freedom of Information Act and thank you in advance for helping with this. Could you please provide this information in an electronic format, replying to this email address?*

*Please can you provide the following information:*

*1) The date of expiry for the licenses purchased.*

Answer: Please see table below for Eastern Services, Northern Services do not carry out cardiac MR.

<i>Licence</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Expiry Date</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Eastern Services</b>			
MR_Cardiology_info	Node Locked	Permanent	Uncounted
MR_Cardiology_Reader	Node Locked	Permanent	Uncounted
MR_Cardiac_4DVF	Floating	Permanent	4
MR_Cardiac Flow	Floating	Permanent	4
MR_Cardiac_Perfusion	Floating	Permanent	2

*2) The number of licenses your hospital has purchased.*

Answer: 10 Floating Licences.

3) *The cost of licenses purchased (individually and in total including any ongoing support costs).*

Answer: Please see table below.

<i>Licence</i>	<i>Individual Cost ex VAT</i>	<i>Total Cost ex VAT</i>
<b>Eastern Services</b>		
MR_Cardiology_info	*	*
MR_Cardiology_Reader	*	*
MR_Cardiac_4DVF	*	*
MR_Cardiac Flow	*	*
MR_Cardiac_Perfusion	*	*
Annual Maintenance	*	*

\*This 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) *The name of the post processing software that you use for CMR (e.g Circle CVI, Siemens Healthineers, etc).*

Answer: Siemens Healthineers - SYNGO.VIA 2022.

5) *The make and model of the MR scanner(s) used by your hospital.*

Answer: 2 x Siemens Avanto Fit 2017, 1 x Siemens Prisma 2020 (Shared facility with University of Exeter).

Information re the Trust Radiology Department can be accessed via the following link:-

<https://www.rdehospital.nhs.uk/services/medical-imaging-radiology-x-ray/>