

Dialysis Units

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

1. How many dialysis units is the Trust responsible for?

- a. **What is the breakdown of these units by:** The Trust holds this Information.
- i. **In-centre 1** - Wonford
 - ii. **Satellite 6** - Heavitree, South Devon, East Devon, North Devon, Bridgwater and Taunton
 - iii. **Other** – nil

2. What is the breakdown of which entity operationally manages these dialysis units: The Trust holds this Information.

- a. **NHS provider** – 4 based at the Wonford site, Heavitree, South Devon and East Devon.
- b. **Private/independent sector contracted provider**
3 based at North Devon, Bridgwater and Taunton
- c. **Other** – nil

3. How many dialysis stations are within your total current provision and what is the breakdown across the different units? The Trust holds this Information.

- a. **NHS provision**
Wonford dialysis unit– 15 stations
Heavitree - 24 stations
South Devon - 24 stations
East Devon – 8 stations
Creedy, Clyst and Yealm - potentially 29 stations
- b. **Private/independent sector contracted provider**
North Devon 20 stations plumbed
Taunton – on average 15 stations
Bridgwater – between 20-24 stations
- c. **Other** – nil

4. For each private/independent sector run unit, please confirm what services are included in the contract: The Trust holds this Information.

- a. **Staff** – fully managed
- b. **Estates** – fully managed
- c. **Facilities** – fully managed
- d. **Consumables** – fully managed
- e. **Dialysis equipment** – fully managed
- f. **Other – please state** – fully managed

5. What is your patient capacity and current percentage utilisation by dialysis modality: The Trust holds this Information.

- a. **In-centre haemodialysis** 550
- b. **Home haemodialysis** 14
- c. **Peritoneal dialysis** 75
- d. **Home haemodialysis** - nil
- e. **Satellite home haemodialysis** - nil

6. For each current private/independent sector run unit:

- a. **How many years' provision does the contractual agreement cover?** The Trust holds this Information.
The initial contract for our Barnstaple unit was 5 years with an additional, optional, three individual years. We are just entering the last of these three additional years, the contract ending in early November 2023.
- b. **Which date does the contract end?** Please see response to question 6a.
- c. **The GBP value of the contract?** * Section 43(2)

7. If applicable, please can you share the contract, Terms, Conditions, and patient activity levels being contracted for each private/independent sector run unit?

* The Trust holds this Information.

This information requested in question 6 c, and question 7 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 although the Trust understands the need for openness and accountability for tender processes and prices, it has 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).