

Central Water Treatment

Reference Number: F4546
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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Request and Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust Response

- 1.) How old is the central water treatment equipment used for the renal dialysis wards ?

The central water treatment equipment is less than two years old.

- 2.) Are there any future plans to replace the central water treatment plant for the renal dialysis wards?

There are no current plans to replace the central water treatment plant.

- 3.) Who is the manufacturer of the current central water treatment plant used for renal the renal dialysis wards ?

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- 4.) Who currently maintains the central water treatment plant used for renal the renal dialysis wards?

The Renal Technicians maintain the plant.

- 5.) Do you use single patient RO units for dialysis either within the hospital or for home patient use?

A small number of single patient RO units are used, however, these are due to be phased out in the near future.

- 6.) Are there any future plans to purchase single patient RO units either for hospital use or home dialysis use?

Please see response to question 5.

7.) Please can you provide the contact details of the person within the Trust that is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the central dialysis water plant?

The Chief Renal Technologist is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the plant. The Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust only releases the names of Heads of departments under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

8.) Please can you provide the contact details of the person within the Trust that is responsible for the procurement of single patient dialysis units?

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If you have more than one hospital site – could you kindly give me the above requested information for all hospitals within your group.

The information provided, above, is applicable to the following dialysis units: Wonford, Heavitree, South Devon and East Devon, which are run by Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust.

Section 40(2) Freedom of Information Act 2000

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The Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust has carefully considered your request for the contact details of the person within the Trust that is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the central dialysis water plant. It has however declined to provide the specific details of the events under Section 40, sections 3(a) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Trust believes that the release of such sensitive information meets the definition of personal data and disclosing the information would contravene one of the data protection principles set out in article 5 of the UK GDPR.