

Ref: FOI-102 -202425-Clinical Data and Processes- General Ward Monitoring

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Date: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 13th May 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding General Ward Monitoring

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 We would like to place a Freedom of Information request, wishing to obtain an Install Base report for Monitoring systems within general wards at your NHS hospitals. We are specifically looking for the following information.**

- **Hospital Name**
- **Hospital Postcode**
- **General ward monitoring OEM**
- **Model**
- **Installation date (Please provide year of installation, where various please provide number installed within each specific year)**
- **How many beds in your general ward**
- **Is your general ward monitor connected to an EPR**
- **Who is your EPR supplier**

**System Definitions:**

- **EPR – An electronic patient/health record is a digital version of a patient's paper chart.**
- **OEM – original equipment manufacturer e.g. Philips**
- **General Ward monitoring – A general ward monitor also known as a vital signs monitor or a spot check monitor is typically used to track a patients vital signs and overall wellbeing sporadically. A few examples of such include Philips EarlyVue VS30, Mindray VS900 and GE Portratin VSM.**

A1 See below:

- Hospital Name University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust
- Hospital Postcode ST4 6QG
- General ward monitoring OEM Various (see attached)
- Model Various (see attached)

Year	Installed
2024	3
2023	193
2022	171
2021	38
2020	78
2019	28
2018	23
2017	46
2016	58
2015	61
2014	71
2013	15
2012	20
2011	5
2010	15
2009	9
2008	26
2007	3
2002	2
	<b>865</b>

- How many beds in your general ward=

G&A beds inc escalation

- County 176
- Royal Stoke 1,198

- Is your general ward monitor connected to an EPR = no
- Who is your EPR supplier

I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding EPR, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/> please note that we regularly answer questions regarding EPR and the list below is just a selection:

092-2122  
261-2122  
313-2122  
426-2122  
525-2122  
650-2122  
673-2122

049-2223  
141-2223  
259-2223  
301-2223  
429-2223  
456-2223  
712-2223  
230-2324  
449-2324  
456-2324  
464-2324  
649-2324  
649-2324

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,



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