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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Your request sought information relating to ECG monitoring and you clarified on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, that you required data for 2018 only.

Please note that since we received your request for information, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County Borough Council area transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board. However as this response was received prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2109, we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

Your questions are set out below:

- 1. How many tests in the following categories do you perform each year?**
  - **24hr Holter**
  - **48hr Holter**
  - **72hr Holter**
  - **7 day Holter**
  - **7 day event recorder**
  - **Other please specify**

24hr ECG=2324

24hr BP=473

48hr ECG=463

7 DAY=215



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Swansea Bay University Health Board is the operational name of Swansea Bay University Local Health Board

72 hour=107  
Cardiomemo=0  
Novacor=255  
Blank=54

- 2. Which monitoring modality do you use for the following, specify make and model?**  
**24hr Holter** Reynolds Lifecard CF  
**48hr Holter** Reynolds Lifecard CF  
**72hr Holter** Reynolds Lifecard CF  
**7 day Holter** Reynolds Lifecard CF  
**7 day event recorder** Novacor R-Test Evolution 3
- 3. How many monitors do you have of each make/model?**  
Morrison Hospital - 41 x Spacelabs Lifecard CF  
Neath Port Talbot Hospital - 10 x Spacelabs Lifecard CF  
Princess of Wales Hospital - 15 x Spacelabs Lifecard CF  
Singleton Hospital - 7 x Spacelabs Lifecard CF, 5 x OnTrak and 5 x Cardiocal Recorders
- 4. How much is the service contract for each modality per year?**  
There is no service contract in place yet, due to all equipment still under warranty.
- 5. How many of these are in repair/lost?**  
None
- 6. What is the cost of repair if the device is not under a service contract?**  
Not applicable – see Q4.
- 7. What was the price paid per unit for each of the monitoring modalities above?**  
The Health Board has 5 Pathfinder systems, Sentinel Software and 83 Monitors at a cost of £288k.
- 8. How much was the analysis software package (if purchased)?**  
£40K
- 9. What is the cost of the service contract on the analysis software?**  
There is no service contract in place yet. All equipment is still under warranty.
- 10. What is your annual spend on consumables for monitoring?**  
2018 - £4,742.75
- 11. What is the average salary band of staff analysing ambulatory ECG monitor data?**  
Band 6
- 12. How many of the staff employed to analyse ambulatory ECG data are working through a locum agency?**  
None
- 13. What is the current waiting time from referral to monitor fitting? Please specify if waiting times vary for each modality.**  
3-5 weeks for all monitors



- 14. What is the current waiting time from monitor return to result availability? Please specify if waiting times vary for each modality.**  
Same day <24 hours
- 15. How many ambulatory monitoring patients require hospital transport per year?**  
This information is not held centrally. To obtain this information would mean searching medical records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.
- 16. Does the patient also need to be transported back to hospital for removal?**  
Yes generally
- 17. What is the annual cost of transport services for ambulatory monitoring patients?**  
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- 18. Is outpatient monitoring capacity limited by inpatient demand for monitoring?**  
No
- 19. Are you meeting monitoring demand for?**
- **Routine monitoring referrals** - Yes
  - **Urgent monitoring referrals** - Yes
- 20. If not, what was your annual spend on breaching fines in the last financial year?**  
None.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely

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