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Response Due: 19th March 2025

Date: 18th March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 19th February 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I am writing to formally request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use of mechanical ventilation within your hospital trust, specifically for patients undergoing an MRI scan and those requiring in-hospital transportation while intubated.

Please provide responses to the following questions:

- 1. What is the current policy for mechanical ventilation of patients undergoing an MRI scan within your NHS trust?**
- 2. Which department has the primary responsibility for overseeing the mechanical ventilation of patients in the MRI suite? Is it the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) or the MRI department?**
- 3. Which mechanical ventilators are currently used when conducting MRI scans on patients within your MRI department?**
- 4. Please provide the make, model, and age of the current mechanical transport ventilators used within your trust.**
- 5. Could you list the specific MRI-compatible ventilators currently in use within your trust?**
- 6. Please provide the contact details (name, job title, and email/telephone) of the lead clinical person overseeing the use of mechanical transport ventilation within your trust.**

7. Please provide the name and contact details of the technician responsible for overseeing the usage and maintenance of these ventilators within your trust.

The Trust does not currently have any MRI compatible ventilators. On the rare occasion, in circumstances where a L3 critically ill patient requires an MRI, this will take place at Salford Royal Foundation Trust.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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