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Ref: FOI/2024/10046

Date Received: 8th August 2024

Response Due: 6th September 2024

Date: 5th September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 8th August 2024, 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:

1. **Can you advise how many CPAP machines are in use in the community provided by WWL?**
There are 4,486 active devices.
2. **Can you advise how many CPAP machines are in use in the community that are outside of their expected service date?**
2.
3. **Has a risk assessment been completed in relation to use of CPAP equipment being used outside of its service date in the community?**
Yes.
4. **If a risk assessment has been completed, please can you provide a copy of this?**
The risk is a small part of a larger risk. The Trust does not have a risk assessment specifically for the use of CPAP equipment being used outside of its service date in the community.
5. **Does the Trust allow out of service date equipment to be used on Trust premises?**
WWL is utilising a maintenance-free CPAP machine that does not require any servicing. The manufacturer suggests a useable blower hour, which needs be replaced with a new machine after it has reached its run time.
6. **If you do, how many are in use on Trust Premises that are beyond their service date?**
0.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Desai P.A.".

Paritosh Desai
Divisional Director of Operations & Performance (Medicine)

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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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