

Reference:	FOI.13031.23
Subject:	Expenditure on medical equipment
Date of Request:	1 November 2023

Requested:

Please provide information on Capital spend in the following format for all years:

1. Total spend on Medical Equipment per year

2022/23 Capital Spend Categories	2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Forecast	2024/25 Budget
Equipment – Clinical theatres and critical care				
Equipment – Clinical diagnostics				
Equipment – Clinical other				
Total Spend on Medical Equipment				

2. Please provide a best estimate of the total % spent replacing existing equipment as opposed to investing in additional capacity.

	2022/23 Actual		2023/24 Budget		2023/24 Forecast		2024/25 Budget	
% of Annual total spent of expanding capacity v's replacement existing equipment	Replacement %	Capacity expansion %	Replacement %	Capacity expansion %	Replacement %	Capacity expansion %	Replacement %	Capacity expansion %
Equipment – Clinical theatres and critical care	60%	40%	60%	40%				
Equipment – Clinical diagnostics	40%	70%						
Equipment – Clinical other								

It would be helpful to analyse spend against the categories below but if this is not possible, please provide total information against a single line.

An excel file is provided attached to provide the information on.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

As the information requested for question 2 is not collated and recorded centrally, the UHB would be required to undertake manual analysis of its medical devices and liaise with the relevant service or department, to identify the information that would fulfil your request.

However, the UHB can confirm that it has one hundred and twenty-six (126) individual medical devices. Therefore, to provide you with the exact information being requested, conducting the search would far exceed the 'appropriate limit', costing the UHB the following:

126 @ 15 minutes per item = 31.5 hours

31.5 hours @ £25 per hour = £787.50

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds for question 1, within the attached spreadsheet as requested, at Attachment 1.