

Reference:	FOI.13425.23
Subject:	Respiratory diagnostic equipment
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Requested:

Could you please provide me with some information on what Respiratory Diagnostic Equipment (PFT, CPET, Spirometers, FeNo and so on) are currently in use across all the Hospitals and clinics within your NHS Trust.

I am particularly interested in the equipment in the following departments or similar departments:

- Cardio Respiratory
- Pulmonary Function
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Outpatients
- Paediatrics
- Chest Clinic
- Respiratory
- Occupational Health
- Primary Care
- Preoperative Assessment
- Anaesthetics

I would like to know the following please:

1. The number of current devices in use
2. Manufacturer and type of device
3. Which hospitals and departments are they in
4. Date of installation
5. Which disposable bacterial/viral filter is being used for lung function testing.

Please can you respond in spreadsheet form?

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 and 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 is not collated and recorded centrally, the UHB would need to contact each service that may use respiratory diagnostic equipment and request them to undertake a manual trawl of any devices, to identify any information that may fulfil your request

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, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable to individuals who have made a request under the FoIA. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds, within Attachment 1.