

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-290**

Date 17 October 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1. Please provide figures on the type of valve used for your TAVI procedures in the table below:**

Valve brand	Number of procedures 01/03/16 – 28/02/17	Number of procedures 01/03/15 – 29/02/16
CoreValve (Medtronic)	48	49
Sapien (Edwards Lifesciences)	52	15
Lotus (Boston Scientific)	0	0
Acurate (Symetis)	0	0
Portico (St Jude)	**	0
Other (please name)	0	0
Total number of TAVI procedures	102	64

Where the figures are fewer than 5, this has been denoted by **. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. There therefore find that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information

- 2. How many procedures do you expect to carry out in the next 12 months? What factors are behind these figures (ageing population, widening of criteria for example)**

The Trust expects to carry out approximately 120 TAVI procedures in the next 12 months. This figure is based on population requirements.

- 3. Are you planning to change any of the brands you use for TAVI procedures? If so, to what and why?**

No

4. Is cost an issue when considering use of the Acurate valve system?

No, operator experience is more relevant.

5. Have you/will you carried/carry out any TAVI procedures on patients considered low risk (STS below 3) or is TAVI still only considered suitable for high risk patients?

The Trust is not currently and will not be treating low risk patients with any TAVI procedures.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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