

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-732**

19 December 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

1. In the last calendar year to date 26/11/2019, for each radiotherapy machine (Linac) of the radiotherapy machines that were commissioned for service for the entire period, how many days was each machine out of service for more than half of the standard working day for repairs or maintenance;

Number of days where machine has been out for half a day or more			
Machine	Planned Fire Clean	Planned maintenance	Unplanned
Linac 1	6	10	1
Linac 2	5	10	2
Linac 3		15	2
Linac 4		10	1
Linac 5		3	4

2. And, for each machine of the radiotherapy machines that were commissioned for service for the entire period specified, what proportion did these days (in which the machine in question was out of service for repairs and maintenance for more than half of the standard working day) comprise of the total number of days the machine, had it not been being repaired or maintained, would have been able to treat patients if staffed (excluding days which were not staffed to provide radiotherapy – for instance, some Trusts won't have staffing arrangement on weekends and bank holidays, so those days should be omitted when calculating this ratio).

Proportion of Possible Treatment Days

Total treatment days = (52x5)-8 Bank Holidays = 252 days

Excluding fire clean

Planned = 48days = 19% (3.8% per machine)

Unplanned = 10days = 4% (0.8% per machine)

Total – 58days = 23% (4.6% per machine)

Including Fire

Planned = 59days = 23.4% (4.7% per machine)

Unplanned = 10days = 4% (0.8% per machine)  
Total – 68days = 27% (5.4% per machine)

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:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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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

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Yours sincerely

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