



Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-565

27 September 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:

A

1. The number of Linacs at your Trust that are capable of providing Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy (SABR) for lung cancer and/or oligometastatic disease.

Currently 4 out of 5 Linacs can deliver SABR. From November 2019 the Trust will have 5 Linacs that will be able to provide SABR treatments.

B.

1. How many days in the last 2 years to date of request (or for which data is available) has each Linac at your Trust been fully operational.

The department runs a full service all week days (except Christmas day).

Weekend working is for On-call (Emergency Service is provided each weekend where one CT and one Linac are required).

Saturday working is done around machine service dates to account for loss of appointment availability during the week.

Each LINAC has been in full operational use to treat patients for 248 days (Elekta) and 252 (Varian) days per year (accounting for planned maintenance service and machine quality checks).

Therefore in the last two years:

Linac A (Varian) has been available to treat patients for 504 days

Linac C (Elekta) has been available to treat patients for 496 days

Linac D (Elekta) has been available to treat patients for 496 days

Linac G (Elekta) has been available to treat patients for 496 days

Linac H (Elekta) has been available to treat patients for 496 days

2. The amount spent by the Trust on Linac repairs and maintenance in the same period.

Medical Equipment Management Organisation Clinical Engineering (MEMO) Service Level Agreement to cover the Linacs is approximately £304,012.20 / year based on Asset value as a proportion of the total asset value for all equipment on the Oncology SLA.

The spares and labour costs we have incurred by calling in Elekta or Varian over the two year period is £304,830.43.

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
Bristol
BS1 3NU

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

Publication

Please note that this letter and the information included/attached will be published on our website as part of the Trust's Freedom of Information Publication Log. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed to the public, not just to the individual making the request. We will remove any personal information (such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

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

Yours sincerely

FOI Team
UH Bristol NHS Foundation Trust