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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - MRI

I write in response to your request for information in relation to patients undergoing and MRI.

Question:

1. What is the current policy for mechanical ventilation of patients undergoing an MRI scan within your NHS trust?

Answer:

When an MRI scan for ventilated patients is needed and the request is authorised by a radiologist, this will be arranged. These can typically be as emergencies or as elective cases for those who can not cooperate or tolerate an MRI scan awake.

Question:

2. Which department has the primary responsibility for overseeing the mechanical ventilation of patients in the MRI suite? Is it the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) or the MRI department?

Answer:

Anaesthetist is responsible for ventilation of these patients.

Question:

3. Which mechanical ventilators are currently used when conducting MRI scans on patients within your MRI department?

Answer:

Drager Fabius

Question:

4. Please provide the make, model, and age of the current mechanical transport ventilators used within your trust.

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Answer:

Drager Oxylog 3000+, Hamilton T1, various ages ranging from 11 years old to 1 year old.

Question:

5. Could you list the specific MRI-compatible ventilators currently in use within your trust?

Answer:

Ventilators are integrated on the Drager Fabius MRI Anaesthetic machine .

Question:

6. Please provide the contact details (name, job title, and email/telephone) of the lead clinical person overseeing the use of mechanical transport ventilation within your trust.

Answer:

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Question:

7. Please provide the name and contact details of the technician responsible for overseeing the usage and maintenance of these ventilators within your trust.//

Answer:

Medical Physics, Medical Equipment Management section are responsible for the maintenance. NHS Lothian has a policy of not releasing the names and details of staff below a senior level – Section 38(1)(b) – personal information. Iain Gorman, DATCC Service Director, Theatres & Anaesthetics - iain.gorman@nhs.scot

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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