

## Freedom of Information request 37-17

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### Request

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. My request concerns continuous renal replacement therapy modalities in the intensive care/critical care areas of the hospitals within your Trust.

1. How many machines do you have for continual renal replacement (CRRT) in the intensive care unit/critical care unit?
1. A) Can you split these by manufacturer and age of machine please?
2. Are you in a contract for your machines, if so when does the contract expire?
3. How many CRRT treatments were carried out in 2016 (or the latest 12 month period you have data for)?
4. How many bags of fluid did you use for CRRT in 2016 (or the latest 12 month period you have data for)?
5. Who is your current manufacturer of fluids for CRRT? And for Vascular access?(double Lumen catheters)
6. Are you in a contract for fluids, if so, when does this expire and is it linked in with the machine contract?
7. What was your total spend on CRRT fluids in 2016 (or the latest 12 month period you have data for)?
8. What was your total spend on CRRT consumables (eg. consumable sets for the machines) in 2016 (or the latest 12 month period you have data for)?
9. What is the typical renal dose you prescribe to the patients? (in ml/kg/h)
10. Are your units using Citrate Anticoagulation? If yes how frequent (in % vs. Heparin).

### Response

1. NHS Borders have 2 machines for continual renal replacement (CRRT), they were both manufactured by Baxter, one was purchased in 2005 and the other 2008.
2. There is no contract for these machines.
3. This information is not available from our patient management system and would require a manual trawl of patient records. The cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore we are not required to provide.
4. In 2016 1620 bags of fluid were used.

5. Fresenius Medical Care.
6. The pharmacy contract for bags expires on 28 February 2019, this is not directly linked to the machines.
7. The total spend on CRRT fluids in 2016 was £15,681 inc VAT.
8. This data is not available.
9. The typical renal dose is 25-35.
10. Units using Citrate Anticoagulation are used 100% of the time.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **37-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.