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Subject: MRI anaesthetic equipment

Your Compatible MRI Anaesthetic Equipment (The anaesthetic equipment used to anaesthetise and maintain anaesthesia for patients who require an MRI) which has been condemned so could you please provide the following information

Q1 When was the equipment first purchased?

A1 2006

Q2 When was the trust informed that the service support for this equipment would be withdrawn by the manufacturer and that it would need replacing?

A2 Information not held – The Trust has not been informed.

Q3 When was it identified that the equipment would need replacing?

A3 Information not held – The equipment has not been identified as requiring replacement.

Q4 When was the equipment condemned?

A4 Information not held – However, if any equipment is condemned it would be reviewed and replaced following an assessment of obsolescence criteria.

Q5 Has a capital equipment document (or trust equivalent) been completed and submitted for this equipment? If not when will it be completed and submitted?

A5 All reusable medical equipment within the trust is on a replacement programme. It will be actioned within that process taking points 1 to 4 into account.

Q6 Has the capital equipment document (or trust equivalent) been approved by all necessary departments including finance? If not when will it be approved?

A6 Please refer to A5 above.

Q7 Has funding been approved and when will the order be placed if not so already?

A7 Please refer to A5 above.

Q8 If funding has not been approved when will it be?

A8 Please refer to A5 above.

Q9 What is the lead time for the purchase of this equipment from the manufacturer?

- A9 Please refer to A5 above.
- Q10 Has NHS England been informed that the premier regional heart and chest hospital can no longer provide a full MRI service for patients suffering from acute claustrophobia? If not, why not?
- A10 Information not held – The equipment hasn't been identified as requiring replacement and has not been condemned.
- Q11 Finally who is the responsible for the daily management of this equipment?
- A11 Anaesthetic Department.