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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 261-2021**

Thank you for your email dated the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021, requesting information in relation to discrete cylinder regulators.

The information that you require is as follows:

**Attached is an Excel file which I would be grateful if you could complete and return to me within the time period afforded for FOI requests.**

**Please see Appendix 1.**

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and 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: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/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.

**In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>**

## Appendix 1

1	Does your Trust use <b>Medical Oxygen</b> cylinders that have a pin index cylinder valve and require a discrete (removable) regulator to function?	Y/N	
		Yes	
	<b>If 'Yes' please continue</b>		
2	On average, how many <b>discrete</b> regulator cylinders are rented each month on an annual basis?	45	number
3	On average, how many of this particular cylinder type is replenished each month?	5	number
4	How many <b>discrete</b> regulators are held on inventory for use with this type of cylinder?	45	number
5	Do you also rent ' <b>integrated valve</b> ' cylinders? (e.g. cylinders with regulators already fitted as an integral part of the package - BOC CD cylinder for example)	Y/N	
		Yes	
6	If you have answered 'yes' to question 1. And question 5., what is the proportion of each type of cylinder in use ? A ratio or percentage would do. ( E.g. 70:30 in favour of discrete or 70% discrete, 30% integrated )	29% <b>integrated</b> and 71% <b>discrete</b>	
7	Has your Trust ever reported a failure to supply or an unexpected cylinder 'runout' whilst using a discrete regulator on a cylinder?	Y/N	
		N	