

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-288	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
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**I'd like to get as much information as possible about the Sleep Clinics at both Stow Hill and Abergavenny, particularly in relation to the equipment they have such as CPAP and Bipap devices. It would be good to have a break-down of all the equipment, how many years old the machines tend to be.**

Product Description:	Model:	Quantity:	Purchased:
BIPAP	A40	15	2013 - 2021
BIPAP	A30	65	2013 - 2015
BIPAP	Synchrony	31	2006 - 2012
BIPAP	ST	164	2011 - 2018
BIPAP	Auto SV Advanced	15	2012 - 2016
BIPAP	Remstar Auto A-Flex	72	2012 - 2017
BIPAP	DreamStation ST	111	2017 - 2021
BIPAP	DreamStation AVAPS	6	2018 - 2020
BIPAP	DreamStation ST30	4	2017
CPAP	Remstar +	33	2003 - 2006
CPAP	Resmed Escape 2	15	2009 - 2010
CPAP	Resmed Escape S8	14	2007 - 2011
CPAP	Remstar Pro Int C-Flex+	1633	2010 - 2016
CPAP	DreamStation	153	2016 - 2017
CPAP	DreamStation Auto	197	2017 - 2021
CPAP	DreamStation Pro	3361	2016 - 2021

Please note: the above table is based on the information currently available. Many of the older systems may no longer be in service, but the service may have received the devices to dispose of them. Therefore, they remain active on the Health Boards Equipment Management database.

**How many of each category are currently out on loan to patients.**

200 BiPAP machines  
5,500 CPAP devices

**I'd also like to see any documentation in relation to the Sleep Clinic's provision of these devices for patients.**

Please find attached documentation as requested.

**I'd like to know, for example, if either the Sleep Clinic or the Medical Equipment Team have any internal policies about the frequency and extent of CPAP device checks.**

A Risk Assessment was undertaken in 2017 with the Respiratory Team relating to the frequency and extent of CPAP checks, based on the guidance provided in the Philips DreamStation User Manual.

**Including Sleep Clinic, that would also be appreciated. It would also be good to know details of the arrangement with the manufacturer Phillips for CPAP and Bipap devices and when that contract is due to end.**

The contract was agreed on an All Wales contract basis. We would advise that you contact Shared Services via the following link for further information:

<https://nwssp.nhs.wales/about-us/freedom-of-information-act-2000/>

**Was there any sort of cost-benefit analysis at the time that could be provided?**

Please refer to the question above.

**I'm also looking for any and all documentation on guidance regarding cleaning CPAP machines. Presumably there is not only patient communication on how they should clean the machines but internal policies on how CPAP machines should be cleaned before being reissued to another patient. Does the Health Board use concentrated oxygen as a sanitizing technique for example? In addition, any process documents pertaining to the management of the Sleep Clinic would be useful- such as any flow chart documents detailing internal processes and other things of that nature would be useful.**

Please find attached documentation as requested.

**Additionally, if there is any written guidance on when machines and parts should be replaced for patients then that would be useful to see.**

Please see attached a copy of Philips DreamStation User Manual.

Reference Page 24: Service: This device does not require routine servicing.

Reference Page 26: Service Life: The expected service life of the DreamStation Therapy Device and Link Module is 5 years

**If there is a medical devices policy that applies to the whole hospital, including Sleep Clinic, that would also be appreciated.**

Please find attached the Health Boards Management of Medical Equipment Devices Policy. Please note this policy is currently under review.

**I know that in April there was a warning about their devices, and this pre-dated the full product recall that has happened this month, so I would like that documentation to be provided as well as any documentation to be provided as well as any documentation in relation to the actions taken by the Health Board to deal with this problem**

A product recall notification from Welsh Government was received by the on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The initial communication stated that 'No notification has been issued in the UK so far, further information will follow'.

A National Program has been set up to address issues raised by Philips. Work is ongoing on a daily basis. [NHS Wales Shared Partnership Service \(NWSSP\)](#) are currently leading on this programme, therefore you may wish to contact them for further information via the above link.