

FOI 3121

12<sup>th</sup> June 2025**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**I'm interested to know how many Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing Systems (CPET/CPEX) are in use throughout the trust.**

**For each system I'd like to know:**

**The number of current devices in use**

**Response:**

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**Manufacturer and type of device**

**Response:**

This information requested is exempt from release under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This is a qualified exemption and so a Public Interest Test was carried out to decide if the information should be released or not. Having weighed up the factors for and against release, it was decided to withhold this information because the disclosure of such information would:

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Section 31 – Law Enforcement Section

Section 31(1)(a) states that information is exempt if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. ICO guidance states that this can be used to protect information on a public authority's systems which would make it more vulnerable to crime. It can be used by a public authority that has no law enforcement function:

- To protect the work of one that does
- To withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime.

**Which hospitals are they in?**

**Response:**

Craigavon Area Hospital and Daisy Hill Hospital

**Which departments are they in?****Response:**

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**Date of installation****Response:**

Craigavon Area Hospital 01/09/2015

Daisy Hill Hospital 21/05/2020 & 17/01/2022

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