

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2324/266  
**From:** Commercial  
**Date:** 15 August 2023  
**Subject:** Renal Dialysis Capacity

**Q1** How many patients are on dialysis at the Trust and are these being seen two or three times per week?

**A1** 11 patients currently are on dialysis.  
Information not held – The Trust is unable to provide the requested breakdown. The Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data. In order to ascertain the data, the Trust would be required to access personal data of the individuals and as such the data is exempt under Section 40: Personal data.

**Q2** What is your current capacity level and what is your maximum capacity level of renal dialysis?

**A2** Current capacity is 44 sessions per week.  
Maximum capacity is 48 sessions per week.

**Q3** What is your current number of dialysis stations/beds?

**A3** 5

**Q4** What is the average cost per patient for renal dialysis within an NHS trust environment?

**A4** £821

**Q5** Do you run two or three sessions per day and how many days per week do you run your service for?

**A5** 2 sessions per day, open 6 days per week

**Q6** What is your contingency plan for when you run out of internal dialysis capacity?

**A6** If the patient needed urgent dialysis then we would ask the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit to treat the patient initially and stabilise until we had found an alternative dialysis bed.

If the patient needed more planned dialysis and peritoneal dialysis or transplantation was not a timely solution. If the renal dialysis unit was at full capacity and we could not increase sessions by extending hours then we would establish if we could dialyse any of the patients on the home haemodialysis machine which is not dependent on water supplied by the renal dialysis water plant. This would require both space and a suitable number of trained nursing expertise. If this was not an option, then we would ask the nearest paediatric nephrology unit if they had a bed.

- Q7 Where does the primary source of funding for the renal department stem from? Is it directly from the trust or the ICB?
- A7 The funding comes from NHS England, Wales or Isle of Man, depending on the source of the patient.