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1. How many linacs do you currently have in routine clinical use?

The Trust has 4 Linacs in routine clinical use.

2. What age are they?

- 14 years (Service Efficiency Machine, utilised for routine external beam RT Only) – Replacement Scheduled 2014/15
- 6 years (Advanced Linac with IMRT & IGRT) – Replacement Scheduled 2016/17
- 5 years (Advanced Linac with IMRT & IGRT) – Replacement Scheduled 2017/18
- 2 years (Advanced Linac with IMRT & IGRT) – Replacement Scheduled 2020/21
- An additional 5th Linac is planned for 2015/16 in line with Essex Cancer Network Strategy (Advanced Linac with IMRT & IGRT)

3. How many linacs in your Trust will reach an age of 10 years or over during the next 3 years?

There will be 1 Linac which will reach the age of 10 years during the next 3 years.

4. Does your Trust have any financial commitment allocated to the replacement of these machines?

All replacement Linacs, and additional Linac procurements, are currently scheduled within a 10 Year Capital Equipment Replacement Programme.

5. Is there any finance or lease agreement in place that limits your choice of equipment for the future?

There are no lease agreements in place to limit choice: however, the Trust is exploring the potential for a Managed Equipment Service to support the required investment.

6. If so, how long does that leasing or contract agreement last?

Not applicable.

7. What are your plans to provide IMRT in line with NCAT guidelines?

The Trust has been providing IMRT since 2009 and currently meets and exceeds NCAT guidelines.

8. If you are not delivering IMRT, what local obstacles or pressures prevent you from so doing?

Not applicable.