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You asked

The number of patients kept on life support for more than 28 days in 2015, 2016 and 2017?

The number of patients who were ventilated for greater than 28 day for the three year you have requested, are as follows:

- 2015 Penrose = Six patients for a total of 297 Days.
- 2015 Pencarrow = Five or fewer patients for between 30 and 60 days.
- 2016 Penrose = 17 patients for a total of 701 Days.
- 2016 Pencarrow = Seven patients for a total of 305 Days.
- 2017 Penrose = Eight patients for a total of 297 Days.
- 2017 Pencarrow = Five or fewer patients for a total of 134 Days.

Our ICU services are described here: <https://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/icu>

The total cost of keeping patients on life support each year in 2015, 2016 and 2017. The Trust telephoned you on 11/07/2018 and you stated average care costs for critical care activity would be acceptable.

	Sum of Price
2015	279,799
2016	1,021,968
2017	1,297,547

Please note the difference between the 2015 and 216/17 figures reflecting the number of organs supported.

Legal notes

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer. This avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles and the general right to object to processing. This is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of the first and second condition.

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