

FOI REF: 24/240

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1) Approximately how many endoscopes does the trust own?

680

2) What brands of endoscope does the Trust own?

Aesculap / BBRAUN / Bulkamid / DP Medical / Ethicon / GIMMI / Hologic / Karl Strotz / Medi-Tech / Olympus / Pentax / Wolf / Smith & Nephew / Stryker / Tontarra and Vision Sciences.

3) On average how old are the endoscopes that the Trust owns?

Average age = 6 years.

4) Approximately how many of the trust endoscopes are under OEM Warranty?

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5) Does the trust subcontract the maintenance of endoscopes and associated equipment such as stack systems and monitors to an outside provider(s) or does it maintain the devices using internal engineers?

Internal Engineers.

6) If an external provider(s) is used, what is the name of the company(s)?

OEM for scopes.

7) If an external provider(s) is used, what was the value of the contract when awarded?

Approximately £800K p.a. for flexible endoscopes.

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8) If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract type – PPM / Fully-Comprehensive / Ad-hoc support?

Fully Comprehensive.

9) If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract renewal date(s)?

2028.

10) Does your contract include the provision of loan endoscopes to temporarily replace endoscopes that are in for repair?

Yes.

11) Please provide the name, email address and phone number of the role responsible for managing endoscopy equipment within the trust.

Simeon Beaumont
Head of Clinical Engineering

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

12) Please provide the name, email address, and phone number of the individual responsible for managing endoscopy contracts within the trust

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Section 44 applied as above.

13) If endoscopy is part of a Managed Equipment Service (MES) at the trust, please provide details of the service provider and specify the services provided including whether staffing is part of the MES.

Not applicable.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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