

FOI REF: 24/642

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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. Does the Trust use a software solution for collection and management of patient observations - data in ICU or Anaesthesia**

Yes, used in critical care but not Anaesthesia.

- 2. Does the Electronic Trust Patient Records communicate with the ICU data?**

Yes, but only Laboratory data and blood gas analyser results.

- 3. Is the software solution part of the trust EPR or is it a standalone product with integrations to the EPR (If yes in question one, is the communication software delivered by the ICU provider, The Electronic Patient Record provider, Third Party or built "in house" by the Trust?)**

The application is a standalone system with laboratory data input. The communication software is provided by the ICU provider (Philips Healthcare).

- 4. Please provide the Supplier name, length of contract and the total contract value**

Philips healthcare

Contract started 1st January 2023 and ends on the 31st December 2027.

Section 17 Notice of Refusal

Under Section FOIA Section 1 (1) (a) The Trust would confirm that it does hold the information requested regarding the total contract value, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

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In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that sharing commercials could disadvantage the incumbent supplier against their competitors. The information could provide competitors with the suppliers pricing, which could result in these suppliers obtaining a competitive advantage which could result in the Trust not obtaining best value for money.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

5. Will the trust be tendering for an ICU and/or Anaesthesia software solution in the next 5 years

Possibly depending on the department structure and requirements.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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