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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 / Health Board use a third-party inventory management / point of care solution?**

**1A) If yes – please confirm:**

**I: Which inventory management / point of care solution you use.**

[Iassets & EDC / EDC Gold.](#)

**II: Contract value (p.a.)**

[Section 17 Notice of Refusal](#)

[Under Section FOIA Section 1\(1\)\(a\) The Trust would confirm that it does hold the information requested, however, it is applying a Section 43\(2\) exemption in relation to the contract value of the Iassets contract, as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.](#)

[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.](#)

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EDC Gold / EDC is an NHS System and is free of charge to the Trust.

**III: Contract renewal date**

lassets – 3/07/27, EDC Gold/EDC no end date.

**IV: When did the Trust / Health Board first start using this solution?**

lassets 1/03/2015, EDC Gold / EDC – unknown start date +-20 years

**1B) If no – does the Trust / Health Board use any internally-built IT inventory management / point of care solutions?**

Not applicable.

**2) Please could you indicate which department(s) in the Trust / Health Board use inventory management / point of care solutions, whether third-party or internal?**

***Note: not all Trusts / Health Boards may have all departments in the list below, please mark Not Applicable for any departments not at your Trust***

Department	Use third-party inventory management / point of care solution <i>Yes, No, Not Applicable</i>	Use in-house inventory management / point of care solution <i>Yes, No, Not Applicable</i>
Accident and emergency (A&E)	EDC	Not applicable.
Diagnostic imaging / radiology	EDC	Not applicable.
Endoscopy	EDC	Not applicable.
Mental Health	Not applicable	Not applicable.
Obstetrics	EDC	Not applicable.
Oncology	EDC	Not applicable.
Paediatrics	EDC	Not applicable.
Surgical procedures (day-patient / in-patient)	EDC Gold	Not applicable.
Surgical procedures (out-patient)	EDC Gold	Not applicable.
Other (please specify) Ophthalmology Cardiology Clinical Engineering	EDC Gold EDC Gold lassets	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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