

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-897**

13 December 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**Question 1**

**a) Please advise if your trust is in possession of the Laser Systems listed below, the Lasers will be clearly marked with A.R.C. Laser and are normally kept within the ENT Theatres.**

**b) If yes, please provide details along with Serial numbers.**

**Equipment list: ARC Laser - ENT Medical Devices:**

**Nuvolas Laser System (514nm, 532nm)**

**C-Las CO2 Laser System (ARC)**

**TruBlue Laser System (445nm)**

**Fox Laser system (514nm)**

**Classic Laser system**

The Trust has three ARC lasers, all are Nuvolas systems.

**Serial numbers:** Under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, we are required to judge as to whether the disclosure of the information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. Under guidance issued by the Information Commissioner states that this exemption applies if disclosure of the withheld information would, or would be likely to prejudice the prevention of criminal acts in relation to the Trust's computer systems and information, such as hacking, theft of data, misuse of confidential data or the disruption of the Trust's operations.

**Question 2**

**Procurement ENT Department:**

**a) Please confirm if your trust uses and orders the consumables below:**

**b) If yes, please advise purchase price of each.**

**ARC Laser - ENT & Laryngology Consumables:****LL28059S Otology Probes – Yes**

**Purchase price:** This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**LL11059S Otology Probes – No****LL28066S HiFlex Fibers – Yes**

**Purchase price:** This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**Question 3****Service/Maintenance contracts for Medical Lasers****a) Please confirm start dated and expiry dates for any service contracts on the above lasers.**

3 x Nuvolas Gen II Lasers covered for the period of 01/06/2023 – 31/05/2026

1 x Lumenis Ultrapulse Encore CO2 Laser covered for the period of September 2023 – September 2024

**b) Please advise the price of the contract and level of cover.**

Contract for 3 x Nuvolas Gen II Lasers is Fully Comprehensive

Contract for 1 x Lumenis Ultrapulse Encore CO2 Laser

**Price of contract:** This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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