

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-084

7 February 2024

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
- **Does the Trust currently use an Operating Microscope for the purposes of Ophthalmic Surgery? [YES / NO]**

Yes

- **How many pieces of microscopy equipment does the operating department use for Ophthalmic Surgery, and what is the manufacturer, model and age? [Please list these, including Manufacturer, Model, and Age of Equipment]**

Two ZEISS, 3.5 years old

Two Haag Streit Moller Wedel ceiling mounted, 11 years old

One Haag Streit Moller wedel portable, 13 years old

- **Are these microscopes free-standing or ceiling-mounted? [Floor-standing / Ceiling-Mounted]**

One portable free-standing Haag Streit, four ceiling mounted

- **Is this equipment owned, leased or rented by the department? [Owned / Leased / Rented]**

Owned

- **If the equipment is Leased or Rented, how long is this contract, and when does it come to an end? Is there an option to extend the contract? Is this contract linked to the purchase of any related consumables, e.g. IOLs? [Length], [Date], [YES / NO], [RELATED CONSUMABLE?]**

Not applicable

- **Does the Trust / department plan to replace these after a fixed time period, and if so, what is this time period in years? [YES / NO], [Years]**

No

- **Does the Trust / Department currently have a service contract in place for this equipment with either the equipment manufacturer or another maintenance provider? [MANUFACTURER / 3rd PARTY / NO]**

Equipment manufacturer

- **Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for new ophthalmic microscopy equipment? [YES / NO]**

No

- **If Yes, when is this procurement exercise expected to take place? [Expected Date]**

Not applicable

- **If No, does the Trust plan to start the buying cycle within the next 3 years? [YES / NO]**

This is not recorded

- **What is the Trust's route to market for new pieces of ophthalmic microscopy equipment? [Direct Purchase Agreement / NHSSC / Other]**

NHSSC

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
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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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