

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 20-114**

6 April 2020

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:

1. Ophthalmology Laser Equipment

	Combined YAG/SLT		SLT	YAG	Laser Iridotomy	Photo-coagulation/ Retinal	Other (floater treatments etc)
How many lasers do you have and which model?	0	7 Lasers Zeiss, Topcon, Litechnica, Ellex	1	2	1	2	1
When were these devices installed?	N/A		2005-2018	2005-2018	2005-2018	2005-2018	2005-2018
How many laser procedures are performed annually?	N/A		464 in 2019	882 in 2019	259 in 2019	703 in 2019	Macular laser 243 in 2019  Retinopexy 138 in 2019
Are these lasers under a service contract? When does it run out?	N/A		Yearly service contracts	Yearly service contracts	Yearly service contracts	Yearly service contracts	Yearly service contracts

2. Other

a. Are you currently using an Argon laser?

Yes, PASCAL.

b. How many procedures a year do you perform with this?

946, includes macular laser and pan-retinal photocoagulation (latter included in table above).

3. Ophthalmology Diagnostic Equipment

	OCT	Ophthalmic Ultrasound	Slit Lamps	Paediatric Retinal Imaging	Corneal Tomography (eg Pentacam)
How many devices do you have and which model?	12 Topcon, Heidelberg Optovue	1 x Quantel Aviso	50 + Haag-Streit	3 RetCam, Forus Neo	1 Pentacam
When were these devices installed?	2011-2019	2018	1983-2019	2018	2009
When are these due to be replaced?	Rolling replacement	As required	As required	As required	As required
Is there a replacement budget allocated?	No	No	No	No	No
How many patients per year are imaged with this/ these device/s?	33,000 per year	300 per year	Unable to quantify	N/A	3000 per year
Do you have a service contract? When does it expire?	Yearly service contacts	Yearly service contacts	No contract	5 Year contract	Yearly service contacts

4. Ophthalmic Ultrasound

- Are these used for retinal – Yes.
- anterior – Yes.
- A-Scan – Yes.

5. General Questions:

- a. Are all ophthalmic diagnostic devices networked - Some devices are networked.
- b. How are images from each device stored (locally per device or centrally in a database/ PACS solution) - Central Servers.
- c. What software/ PACS (picture archiving and communication storage) are you using - Individual company viewing licencing.
- d. Who is the lead contact within procurement that manages ophthalmology equipment (diagnostic)? - There is no allocated lead.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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