

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-035**

25 January 2022

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

**1. Which thermometers do you currently use in the hospital for patient assessments?** Within the last 12 months, The Trust has purchased thermometers from Welch Allyn UK LTD, Cardinal Health UK 432 LTD, Timesco, Albert Waeschle LTD, Proact Medical, St Johns Ambulance and Medical indicators Europe.

**2. When is the contract for thermometers (if there is one) due to end?** There are two. One is ending 31/01/2022 and the other is ending 01/04/2022. There is also a National Pricing Matrix (NPM) agreement supplied by NHS Supply Chain which the Trust has been utilising. This ends 16/01/2026.

**3. How many probe covers do you use annually?**  
2,280,915 in the last 12 months

**4. What is the price you pay per probe cover/thermometer?**  
We have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the requested information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information. We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Sections 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 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:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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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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