

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-080

25 January 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 complete Optical Biometry for the purpose of selecting an Intraocular Lens choice for Cataract Surgery? [YES/NO]**
Yes
- **Which department for the Trust is responsible for carrying out the Optical Biometry? [e.g. Outpatients, Ophthalmology, Other]**
Ophthalmology Pre-Operative Assessment
- **Is there a specified role within this department that is responsible for Optical Biometry? [e.g. Consultant Ophthalmologist, Registrar, Orthoptist, Nurse, etc.]**
Nurse
- **How many biometry calculations does the department complete during an average week? [Number]**
Approximately 90 to 100 per week
- **How many pieces of equipment does the department use for Optical Biometry, and what is the manufacturer, model and age? [Please list these, including Manufacturer, Model, and Age of Equipment]**
Two Zeiss IOL Master 700s. Both devices are eight months old.
- **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 replace these after a fixed time period, and if so, what is this time period in years? [YES/NO], [Years]

No – replacement will depend on the equipment, but we usually factor in ~10 years for such equipment

• 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]

Yes - both devices are currently covered under manufacturer warranty. They are then covered until 2029 with a Manufacturer provided service contract.

Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for new biometry 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]

No

• Does the Trust link the Biometry measurements to an electronic patient record (PACS or EHR system), or are these stored on the equipment locally and printed? [EHR SYSTEM/PAPER RECORDS/OTHER]

Biometry values are exported into EPR (Electronic Patient Record) as well as being stored locally on the device. Biometry values are also printed to attach to patient record.

If EHR, which electronic patient record system does the Trust use? [e.g. MediSoft, HIVE, FORUM, etc.]

Medisoft

Can these electronic biometry measurements be accessed in the department only, or in the Operating Theatre during surgery? [Department Only/Operating Theatre/N/A]

Can be accessed anywhere within the Trust if the workstation (PC or laptop) has the Medisoft Electronic Patient Record installed.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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