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Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 5400

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5400

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 19th October 2022.

Your request was as follows:

1. Approximately how many endoscopes does the trust own?
2. What brands of endoscope does the Trust own?
3. On average how old are the endoscopes that the Trust owns?
4. Does the trust subcontract the maintenance of endoscopes and associated equipment such as stack systems and monitors to an outside provider(s) or does it maintain the devices using internal engineers?
5. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the name of the company(s)?
6. If an external provider(s) is used, what was the value of the contract when awarded?
7. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract type - PPM/ Fully-Comprehensive / Ad-hoc support?
8. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract renewal date(s)?
9. Does your contract include the provision of loan endoscopes to temporarily replace endoscopes that are in for repair?
10. Please provide the name, email address and phone number of the role responsible for managing endoscopy equipment within the trust.

- 1) The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust owns 14 endoscopes.
- 2) The WCFT uses Wolf, B Braun, Storz and Zeiss branded endoscopes.
- 3) B Braun endoscopes are changed after every 15 uses. Wolf 2 years, Storz approx 5 years, Zeiss 2 years.
- 4) The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust use an offsite service called Steris for sterilisation of equipment including endoscopes.
- 5) Synergy Healthcare UK Ltd.
- 6) £ 464,213 this is a joint collaboration with Aintree Hospital.
- 7) Fully Comprehensive.
- 8) 29/06/2025
- 9) Yes.
- 10) The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email wcf.enquiries@nhs.net asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

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Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If 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 the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5400 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 Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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