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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5639**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 16th March 2023.

Your request was as follows:

Q1

a)  Is 3D printing technology being used at your facilities?

Yes

No

If the answer to Q1a is Yes then skip to Q2.

If the answer to Q1a is No then:

b)  Do you plan on utilizing 3D Printing technology in the near future?

Yes

No

If the answer to Q1b is No then you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.

If the answer to Q1b is Yes then:

c)  What part(s) do you intent to 3D print (e.g. Prosthetic limbs, hearing aids etc.)?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold this information. However, Section 16 of the FOIA places a duty on us to provide help and assistance where possible and I am able to advise you that: this information can be obtained from the EBME team at Aintree hospital.

Q2) What 3D Printers are being used for producing the parts (Brand name & model)?

See Q1.

Q3) What type of parts/products are being printed (e.g. Prosthetic hand, prosthetic leg, splint, hip joint etc.) Please be

specific.

See Q1.

Q4) What materials are being commonly used for 3D printing at your facilities?

See Q1.

Q5) What ISO standards and/or other ASTM/BS standards are being followed when producing the parts/products?

See Q1.

Q6) Please briefly describe the ethics process that is required for using 3D printing parts in patients?

See Q1.

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

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Yours sincerely

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